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*To Travel, Fortunatus poorly goes,
But seen by Fortune's Help in Riches flows.*



*Here Andolucia, in Pursuit of Fame,
Of's Purse is cheated by a Princely Dane.*

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IN Cyprus Isle liv'd Theodorus sum'd,
In a fair City Famogosta nam'd;
Extravagant and wild he spent his Store,
That by Excess he grew so wond'rous poor,
That Fortunnatus all the Sons he had,
Was forc'd to wander as kind Fortune led;
When oft he Death and Danger did escape,
Encountring Bears, or worse, in humane Shape;
When as by Chance he did Dame Fortune meet,
Who him (lost in a darksome Wood) did greet,
Gave him a Purse that he should ne'r be poor,
And bid his Sons likewise possess the Store:
With this he roves the World from Coast to Coast,
Leopoldus hires, who kills the faithless Host,
To Cyprus returns, his Parents dead,
There builds a Palace, and a Wife does wed;
Leaving two Sons again to Travel bent;
When in strange Countries sixteen Years he spent;
Returning from the Soldan King does bear
A Hat (which wishing) bears him through the Air,
Returns (and dying) to his Sons bequeaths
His Hat and Purse, and all their Vertue leaves,
Ampedo eldest, Andolocia next,
Their Mother dies with Grief so sore perplext.
When Andolocia with the Purse does roam,
And mild Ampedo stays content at home.

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*After much Fame acquir'd in Princes Courts,
To England Andolucia strait resorts,
And spends his Time in Feasting and in Sports.
Till Agripina's Beauty proves a Snare,
And makes him whence his Riches flow declare.
VVhen, whilst he is with Drowfiness oppress'd,
He of his Purse is quickly dispossess'd.
Then from his Brother he conveys the Hat,
VVith which, after much Toil, the Purse he got.
The Princess is to Theodorus wed,
Young Cyprus Prince, and to the Court is led,
There Andolucia by his Martial Feats
The Envy of some envious Nobles gets,
Tho' in a Wood at his return do slay
His Men and him in a deep Dungeon lay:
Bereave him of his Purse, and then his Life
For which two Earls did die to end the Strife.
Ampedo bearing of his Brother's Death,
Burns his swift Hat, and then resigns his Breath,*

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FORTUNATUS.

The First Part.

CHAP. I.
Of the Parentage and Birth of Fortunatus.

IN Famogosta, a famous City in the Isle of Cyprus, lived one *Theodorus*, descended of noble Parentage, who, by the Decease of his Father, had a plentiful Estate fell into his Hands; but he being of a haughty Mind, gave himself wholly up to the Pleasures and Vanity of the World: He associated himself with the great Men of the Country, and lived riotously, spending his Time for the most

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part, in Gaming, Hunting, Hawking,
and sumptuous Entertainments, the which
in a short time greatly diminished his
Wealth; which his Friends perceiving,
and being much griev'd thereat, thought
there was no better way to restrain his
licentious manner of Life, than by matching
him to a Wife: This being resolved up-
on, and he not contradicting the motion,
they sought for a fair, young, and vertu-
ous Lady, throughout all the Cities of Cy-
prus, and at last, in *Nicova*, found one
that well liked them, she being Daughter
to a wealthy Merchant, and adorned with
all the Perfections that appertain to Wo-
mankind, her Name being *Gratiana*; to
this Lady, by the Consent of her Father,
Theodorus was shortly married, and for a
time lived in great Splendor, the first year
having by her a fair Son, whom they na-
med *Fortunatus*; but this little or nothing
restrained his Extravagancies; insomuch,
that in a short time after the Marriage,
notwithstanding the large Portion he had
with his Wife, he was brought to extreme
Poverty, which made him repent, though
now too late; so that oftentimes being
hunger-pined, and in great want, he look-
ing upon his Son (who by this time was
grown a comely Youth) would sigh and
let fall Tears, which so afflicted the young
Man, that he one Day demanded the cause,
desiring

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desiring to know whether he had offended him in ought, the which, if he had, he would strive to amend it: To whom the sorrowful Father replied, he had never offended him; but it was the exceeding penury, to which by his Extravagancies, he was reduced to, that made him sigh. To which the Youth replied, *Let not that trouble you, for as for me, I have received such good Education under you, that I can shift for my self in any Place of the World;* but he perceiving his Father still troubled and always sigh when he looked upon him, he conjectured it was for his sake, and therefore resolved to be no longer chargeable to him: Whereupon one Day taking his Stick in his Hand, he went to the Seaside, where he had not staid long, but a Gally put to Shore, in which was the Earl of Flanders, who was returned from Jerusalem; they had not been long ashore to refresh themselves, but the Earl caused the Trumpet to sound, to call his Men back into the gally; which *Fortunatus* perceiving, and being desirous to travel, went to the Earl and offered him his Service: When the Earl perceiving him a goodly Youth, and having by Sickness, lost two of his Men by the way, he entertained him; when as the Earl and all his Servants being on board, they set sail, and in a short time arrived at Venice.

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How Fortunatus departed his Country, and how he became greatly esteemed by the Earl of Flanders.

After some Contests with the Winds and Sea, the Gally safely arrived at *Venice*, where the Earl and his Men landed; and there, by the help of *Fortunatus* (who amongst all his Men could only speak the Language) he bought rich Jewels, and gold Imbroideries, in order to his marriage, he being to wed the Duke of *Clevis's* Daughter at his Return, to whom he had contracted before his Departure. By these, and such other Services, *Fortunatus* gained the Love of his Lord, insomuch that the rest of the Servants began to envy him. A while after, the Earl coming into his own Country, bought all his Servants Horses, and gave to *Fortunatus* the best next that himself rode on; so that it greatly grieved the rest of the Servants, who wished the Devil had had the *Italian* before he came into their Lord's Service. A while after the Marriage being celebrated, a great Number of Nobility being present, Tilts and Justs were prepared; where, after the Nobles had done great Feats, the Earl set up two Jewels valued at a hundred Pounds, for the Servants who should do best; upon which

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Fortunatus prepar'd his Horse, and soon, with his Lance, overthrow one of them.



that run against him, whereupon he carried away the Prize; then one *Timothy* having won the other Jewel, the Servants urged *Timothy* to joust with *Fortunatus*, who should have them both; but in the Conflict *Timothy* was borne down Horse and Man, so that *Fortunatus* got not only all the Jewels, but the Applause of the Spectators, and the great Favour of the Earl, who highly praised him; whereupon the Nobles and Ladies gave him many Presents: This more and more raised the Malice of his Fellow-Servants against him; but when they well perceived that they could do nothing against him fairly, they wrought

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wrought by Subtilty; for there being amongst the rest, one Robert, an ancient Servant to the Earl, who promised for ten Crowns to make *Fortunatus* run away; to this they gladly hearkened, and every one paid his Dividend most joyfully: When this was done, he insinuates himself into the Company of *Fortunatus*, expressing more than ordinary Kindness, carrying him abroad to Treats, and other Merriments, without suffering him to pay ought; this *Fortunatus* imagining to proceed from the sincere good Will he bore him, he gave the greater Credit to all he said, not perceiving his Subtilty: When the Money was almost spent, and the Servants began to put Robert in mind of his Promise, he one Day taking *Fortunatus* into a private Apartment, after several Discourses, he began to sigh and look sad, which *Fortunatus* well noting, demanded the Cause, who told him it was for his sake; then was he earnest to know the Reason: Truly, said Robert, it was told me by my singular good Friend, who upon a great Penalty enjoyned me Secrecy; but for the Love and Good-will I bare to you, I shall reveal it: Then thus, Our Lord intends to morrow to ride to Lauson, to wage Law against the Earl of St. Paul; where for the Jealousie he had lately conceived of his Chamberlains, lest they should have carnal Copulation with his beauteous Wife, or any

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of her fair Ladies and Gentlewomen that attend her, he is resolved to have all gilded; and though he entirely loves you above any of his Servants, yet he cannot serve the rest so while you take part with them in the same, you being the chief Chamberlain, and the most comely amongst them; after which, he will only reveal it to his Lady, forbidding her to reveal it; but as the manner of Women is, it cannot be expected that she will keep the Secret long; so that it being spread abroad, it will redound to your utter Disgrace, if the cutting do not hazard your Life. This I learned from him who is appointed to geld you, he telling it me. (as thinking I might be one of the Chamberlains) in requital of some singular Favour I had done him. When Fortunatus heard this, he looked as pale as Death, and desired Robert by all the Ties of Friendship, that he would be assisting to him in making his Escape, For, said he, I would not be gelded if my Lord would give me his Estate. When he talked of Flight, the Hypocrite Robert feigned himself sad, and desired his Stay, the better to persuade him into a Belief of what he had related; telling him he was sorry that ever he had imparted it to him; But Fortunatus standing as it were upon Thorns, thought every Hour ten till he was gone; then Robert bid him, in what Peace soever he resided, send him a Letter, that when the Earl was

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was supplied with gelded Men; he might give Notice to return. But *Fortunatus* replied, he would never return, though he endured never such Necessity or Want. Upon this *Robert* inwardly rejoiced, and helping him to a Horse, he rode out of the City as if he went a hunting, and having passed the Gate set on full speed, and never looked behind him, till he thought himself out of Danger, and purchasing another Horse, he sent back the Earl's, lest upon that Account he might be persued,

C H A P. III.

How the Earl grieved for the Departure of Fortunatus ; and what befel him afterwards.

NO sooner the Flight of *Fortunatus* came to the Earl's Ear, but he was exceeding sorry, musing with himself what should be the Cause, but when he could think of none, he demanded of his Servants if they were privy to the Occasion of his Departure; but they denied they knew ought: Then he examined his Lady and her Gentlewoman who were there at the same time, saying, That the Evening before he was very pleasant, and had discoursed to them about several Affairs of Women, and other things; at which the Earl marvelled the more, saying, Although he could not
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then learn the true Cause of his departing, without taking Leave of him, he doubted not but that he should find it out, and he would severely punish the Occasioner of it. This terrified *Robert*, so that he grew very melancholy, lest any of the Servants should betray him: And thereupon he took an oath of Secrecy of them all, and when they were importunate to know by what means he had effected it, he told them a Story of his Father's Advancement by the King of *Cyprus*, quite contrary to what he had practised. But to return to *Fortunatus*: *Fortunatus* being on his way, made what speed he cou'd to *Calice*, where espying an *English* Ship, he bargained with the Master to transport him to *England*, where arriving, he came to *London* and there happened into the Company of two young *Cyprus* Merchants, who were sent over by their Fathers with a Ship laden with very costly Wares, for which they had received great Sums of Mony. And now *Fortunatus* being expert in the Manners and Custom of most Countries, became, as it were, their Tutor and Instructor, so that they spent beyond measure, rioting it all the Day at Taverns, and at Night sporting it with Harlots, each one striving to out-do the other in Excess; nor was *Fortunatus* wanting to spend amongst them, but within a while, all their Mony being spent, their buxom Lasses for-

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 took them, and their Jollitry came to an
 End; which made the Merchants thinke
 themselves of returning home; which they
 did in the same Ship they came in, though
 with heavy Hearts and empty Purses, lea-
 ving *Fortunatus* behind them.

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*How Fortunatus became a Servant, and
 how one wicked Andrew by murdering a
 Gentleman in the House of Fortunatus's
 Master, brought the whole Family in great
 Trouble.*



Fortunatus being bare of Money and in
 a strange Country, knew not well what
 Course to take, but at last resolved to get
 over into *France*, but wanted Mony to pay
 his

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his Passage; when going to a Harlot, on whom he spent the greatest part of his Money, he desired her to lend him two Crowns, telling her, that he was to go over Sea to fetch four hundred Crowns that his Uncle owed him, but she would by means lend him any, nor scarcely make him drink, but sent him away with Flouts. Then seeing his former Folly, he wished, (though too late) that he had kept his Money, and not have spent it upon such an ungrateful Baggage; so that not having Money to pay for his Passage, he betook himself to the Service of one *Jeronimus Roberti*, a *Florentine* Merchant in *Lombard-street*, where he lived with great Credit, pleasing his Master beyond measure by his Diligence and Towardness, and, in a short time gained not only the Love of his Mistress, but of all the Servants, insomuch, that his Master not only intrusted him with all his Cash, but employed him in his main Affairs, as taking in his Merchandize, and other things of secret and weighty Concernment, whereby he not only gained himself, but also by his faithful Discharge of the Trust committed to him, he greatly advantaged his Master, insomuch that he became dear to him; but he had not long continued in this Service, before an extravagant *Florentine* came to his Master, whose Name was *Andrius*, the Son of a very responsible Merchant, who had

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had been fitted out with a Ship, and all manner of Merchandize, the which he had sold and imbezled at a lavish rate; and there-upon was driven to extream Poverty, which obliged him to live by his Wits; so that bethinking himself, he counterfeited Bills of Exchange, and by that means so drained his Father of what Monies he had, that in Expectation of what should be returned by Merchandize, he utterly impoverished him; the which when he perceived, and that no more Money was to be had, he betook himself to Shifts, and being at *Bruges*, the Place where he had spent the greatest part of his Mony, he began to bethink himself that it was in vain for him to return, by reason of the great Injury he had done his Father; and then again considering that those whom he spent his Mony upon, began to slight him, and that he could neither borrow any, nor be trusted for such convenient things as were appertaining to the Supply of Nature, he much condoled and bewailed his sad Condition, whereinto by reason of his Extravagancy he was fallen, and resolved whatever bety'd him, to return to his Father, when in his Travels homeward, he came to the City of *Turin*, in *France*, where by his Host, he understood that a Merchant of *London*, upon a spiteful Accusation, lay in Irons in a dark Dungeon, and that he being very rich, would plentifully

plentifully reward any one that would go over into *England* and solicit his Business, so that he might be delivered. At this News *Andrew* rejoiced not a little, and thereupon ask'd his Host whether free Access might be had to this Merchant? To which the Host answer'd, that for a small piece of Money he might so prevail with the Keeper as to admit him to the Speech of that Merchant: Whereupon he resolved to make the best of his time, preparing a Ducket for that purpose, for which the Keeper joyfully let him in: When he was entered the Prison or Dungeon, by a Light that he had with him, he espied the Merchant, who lay fast fetter'd in Irons, to whom he address'd himself in *English*, upon which the Merchant was not a little overjoyed, asking him if he knew such and such Persons, among whom he named *Fernimus Roberti*, to which he replied, that he not only knew him very well, and had been acquainted with him in *England*, but likewise in the City of *Florence*, then he shew'd him the Cause of his Imprisonment, which was, for forging the King of *England*'s Pass port, desiring him, out of all Love, that he would speedily repair to *London*, and shew unto his Friends in what a sad Condition he lay, and how pitifully he had been handled since his coming into that Prison and to desire them to solicit his

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his Enlargement, for which he would not only think himself infinitely obliged to him, but he would reward him with five hundred Crowns. At this welcome News *Andrew* did not a little rejoice, so that taking some Monies of him to bear his charges, he departed, promising to do his best in order to his Delivery, and thereupon took Shipping for *England*, and coming to *London*, he made it his Business to go from Place to Place to the Merchant's Friends, as also to the Court, where he understood he could not be released unless he payed a Fine of three thousand Crowns, the which *Jeronomius Roberti* promised to lay down upon Security: So that *Andrew* going from Place to Place to enter into Bonds for the Sum, at last understood that the King having married his Daughter to the Duke of *Burgundia*, resolved to make her a Present of the richest Jewels that might be got, having already caused his Jewellers to make them, and deliver them to a trusty Knight, who was appointed to convey them to her. At this *Andrew* inwardly rejoiced, and, now despairing of getting Security for the Sum of Mony demanded, he resolved not to lose his Labour of coming into *England*, and thereupon by his frequenting the Court, got acquainted with the Jewel-bearer, and finding out a fit Opportunity, told him that he was by Birth a *Florentine*, and by Pro-

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session a Jeweller, and forasmuch as he heard
 the King of *England* was minded to pur-
 chase the best Jewels he could get, he had
 come out of his Country with a parcel of
 such Jewels as he believed the like were
 not to be had in *England*, and thereupon de-
 sired the Gentleman to let him see those he
 had in Charge, the which he readily did,
 not dreaming of his Design. When *An-
 drew* had well viewed them, and that they
 were of a great Value, he told the Gentle-
 man, that many of his exceeded them. not
 only in Lustre, but in Vertue, as being
 Stones of a different Nature, especially one
 Locket of black Diamonds which he had
 purchased of a *Jew*, wholately came from
 the *Indies*, upon this the Gentleman told
 him, That if he might but see them, he
 doubted not but that the King would at
 least purchase some of them, and thereup-
 on he desired him to stay and dine with
 him, the which he did, and after Dinner,
Andrew invited the Gentleman to come the
 next Day to *Jeronymus Roberti's* House to
 dine with him, and that there he should
 have a sight of them: This he consented
 to, and Leave taken, *Andrew* went to *Je-
 ronimus Roberti* and informed him that he
 had met with a Gentleman of a good Estate,
 who for the Love he bore to the Merchant,
 would become bound for the three thou-
 sand Crowns, and withal told him, that he
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intended to be there the next Day, and therefore he advised him to prepare a Dinner to to entertain him, and not to speak any thing to him about his Suretiship till he should give the Signet; to this *Jeronimus* consented, as well knowing he should have good Interest for his Mony. The next day the Gentleman came, and the Table being spread, they sat down to Dinner, and there discoursed of divers Affairs; when after they were risen from the Table, *Andrew* took the Gentleman by the Hand, and led him up Stairs, pretending to show him his Jewels; and there, taking his Opportunity before the Gentleman was aware with a Dagger, that he had provided for the purpose, he stab'd him, so that he sunk down dead, and then taking his Signet and Keys he got away unespied, and hasted to the Gentleman's House, where meeting with his Wife, he told her that her Husband had received Orders instantly to depart for the Duke of *Burgundy's* Court, and that she must send the Jewels, by the same Token there was his Signet and his Keys of his Cabinet, which the Gentlewoman taking of *Andrew*, went and unlocked the Cabinet, and not finding the Jewels there, returned, and told him, That her Husband must come and look them himself; for they were not there. Upon this *Andrew* departed much perplexed that he had missed of
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his Aim, and long time he pondered whether he should return to *Jeronimus*, or fly; during which Space, *Jeronimus*, coming into his Hall, perceived Blood to drop through the Ceiling, and thereupon commanded his Servants to run up, and find out the Cause; where they no sooner came, but they found the Gentleman murdered, at which they were much amazed, and hastened down to related the same to their Master; who took an Hating that any such thing should be done in his House, and knew not what to do in the Business, as being but a Stranger in *England*, and not well acquainted with the Laws.

CH A P. V.

How Andrew returned to Jeronimus's house, and disposing of the dead Body, and afterward made his Escape; and how the Murderer being found out, Jeronimus and all his Servants were imprisoned.

WHilst the whole Family were in great Perplexity about the Murder, in came the Villain that acted it, to whom *Jeronimus* said, *O thou wicked Wretch! What Mischief hast thou done in murdering an innocent Gentleman in my House? Not so,* said *Andrew*, *for he was a very Cut-throat, and would have stabbed me in hopes of getting some Treasure, which he supposed*

I had in a Trunk which I opened; but now the Business is past, it cannot be recalled; be therefore advised by me, shew no sad Countenance, nor Cause of Grief, for I will so dispose of the Body that it shall never be found hereafter; and if any are Inquirers for the Person, you must tell them, That he departed from your House about an Hour after Dinner, and that since that time he returned not. And thereupon Andrew took up the Body and bringing it down Stairs threw it into the privy, with the Head downwards; and then gave Order for the washing away the Blood; after which, understanding, that *Jeronimus* had a Design to apprehend him, he privily got over a back Wall, and so made his Escape, not staying till he came to *Tunis*, where he became a Rower in a Gally, or Pirate; and a while after renounced the Christian Religion. The Gentleman being two Days missing at Court, many began to wonder, and the third Day acquainted the King thereof, who began to mistrust, that the great Value of his Charge might have made him false, though otherwise a Gentleman of undoubted Reputation and Fidelity; upon which a Messenger was sent to his House to enquire for him, and was informed by his Wife, that she had not seen him in three Days; but that at his Departure he went in the Company of a *Florentine*, who
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pretended to have great store of Jewels, at the House of one *Jeronymus Roberti* a Florentine Merchant, in Lombard-street; and that a while after his Departure, the same Person came with her Husband's Keys and Signet, desiring her to send the Jewels, but she looking for them in his Cabinet, found them not there. With this Answer they returned to the King, who was greatly displeased, but that he might not seem over rashly to censure the Fidelity of the Knight, altho' he concluded he was fled, he gave order that nothing more should be in it till the end of two Days; in which space *Fortunatus* returning from on Ship-board (where he had been taking an Account of the Lading) perceived not only his Master, but all his Fellow-servants very melancholy; upon which, he demanded of the Maid, what was the Cause of such their sudden Alteration; to whom she answered, (as having before-hand premeditated an Excuse) That her Master had received a Letter of the Death of a dear Friend of his, which had occasioned that Sadness in him; and that with him the rest sympathized, as is the Custom of the Country; but, that he not being his near Relation, he would not go into Mourning for him; with which *Fortunatus* was well pleased. But now the time being expir'd, and no tidings of the Gentleman; the King in a

great Rage, sent his Pursivant to search the Merchant's House, who broke open as many Trunks, Chests, and Cabinets as they found locked, but found not the Jewels. Upon which, at the Supplication of the Gentlewoman who said she verily believed her Husband was murdered) they went to the House of *Jeronimus*, where having the King's Warrant, they apprehended him and all his Family, upon Suspicion of Murder; but they also denied it, saying, *Indeed there was such a Man there, but that he departed thence in the Company of the Person who brought him thither; and that since they saw him not.* But this Excuse availed not, for they all (being nine in number, of which *Fortunatus* was one) were delivered to the Sheriffs, who carried them to *Newgate*, where they were kept asunder, and were strictly examined, but they all declared as before. As for *Fortunatus*, he was ignorant of the Matter, and therefore could not confess any thing, upon which the Sheriffs were ordered to search *Jeronimus's* House, the which they accordingly did, and looked in all the Chests, Trunks, Closets, Cellars, Pantries and Stables, but found not the dead Body, and so were about to depart, when one amongst the rest having a Torch in his Hand, lighted some Paper and threw it down into the Privy, where by reason of the Shallowness of the Ordure,

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Ordre, the Legs of the Party murdered appeared, being cast in with his Head down



ward ; which he no sooner perceived by the Light, but he called to the rest, telling them, that he had found the murdered Corpse, and thereupon they all coming together, drew it out, and after having cleansed it with Water, they laid it in the Street before the Door of *Feronimus*, for to be seen of all People, who with great detestation, and shaking their Heads, abhorred the Fact: as also a Messenger was sent to acquaint the King, what they had found, upon which he gave Order for the racking *Feronimus*, and the rest, to force them to confess where the Jewels were, for he supposed that they had murdered him for the

Jewels: when they being stretched upon the Rack, and in exceeding Torment, confessed the true manner of the Murther, as it is recited. But *Fortunatus*, although, he was tormented with the rest, could not give any Account of the Murther, by reason of his Absence when the Fact was committed; but as for the Jewels, they all protested they knew not any thing of them.

C H A P. VI.

How Jeronimus Roberti, and seven of his Servants were hang'd for the Murther; and how Fortunatus was saved at the Place of Execution.

NOTWITHSTANDING they made their Confession, how, and upon what Occasion the Murther was committed, it avail'd them nothing, for the King issu'd out a Commission to try them, where their own Confessions, and the finding of the murdered Corpse in the House being proved against them, they were found guilty, and being condemned, were shortly carried to the Place of Execution; a Pair of Gallows being built for that purpose, where they were urged to confess where the Jewels were; but they declared they never saw them, nor could they give any Account of them. So that at first *Jeronimus* was turned off, and then another, so one after

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after another, till none were left but the
Cook and *Fortunatus*, who now began to
make a thousand wry Faces, as giving
themselves over for goue; but when the
Cook came to be turned off, he desired to
speak a Word or two, which was the rea-



dier granted, because they supposed he
might tell what was become of the Jewels;
but Silence being made, he said *Fortunatus*
was altogether innocent of the Fact, as be-
ing abroad about his Business when it was
done, and that he knew not of the Body
being in the Privy, by reason they all con-
cealed it from him: and therefore if he did
die, he died innocently and wrongfully.
At the hearing of this, the People pre-
vailed so far with the Sheriff, as to stay
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till the King might be advertised of what had been related, who upon the hearing thereof, and at the earnest Suit of some Ladies (who had cast their Eyes upon *Fortunatus*, and seeing him a goodly Youth, were moved to pity him,) the King sent his Mandate to the Sheriff to save his Life; who thereupon, after he had fastned the rest in Chains to the Gallows, brought back *Fortunatus*, and in a while after set him at Liberty. At that time also the King commanded *Jeronimus's* House to be spoiled, where every one took what best liked him; of which the rest of the *Florentines* hearing, they were sore afraid, and lest the Multitude, who were greatly incensed against them, should break into their Houses, and spoil them; also they laid their Heads together, and at last concluded to raise a considerable Summ of Money, and sent to the King, to regain his good Affection towards them; upon which they were received into Favour, and a Proclamation put out in their behalfs, forbidding any to abuse them, but that they should let them freely traffick as before.

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C H A P. VII.

How afterwards all the Jewels were found in the Widow of the murther'd Gentleman, and by her restored to the King.

After the Execution, the King suppo-
sing the the Murtherer to have carri-
ed away the Jewels, he put forth his Pro-
clamation, offering a thousand Crowns to
any that would discover them, or return
them again. Further, he sent to all the no-
ted Dealers in the neighbouring Kingdoms,
to stop any such Jewels, if they should be
offered to be sold; but after all this, they
were found under the Bed of the murther-
ed Gentleman; the manner of their being
discovered was thus: About a month af-
ter the Murther, the Gentleman being de-
cently buried, several of the Neighbours
came to comfort the disconsolate Widow;
and perceiving her still to be troubled for
the Loss of her Husband, one amongst the
rest, who was in the same Condition with
her, but of a merrier Temper, bid her chear
up, and by thinking of the Living, put the
Dead out of her Remembrance; telling her
The best way to do it, was to remove the
Bed into another Chamber, so that the Re-
membrance of past Pleasures might be for-
got, and that by fixing her Thoughts upon
some lusty young Lover, the Remembrance
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of her dead Husbaad might be done away ; adding, That she had done the same, and found the greatest Consolation therein. But the Gentlewoman replied, *O how shall I forget so good a Husband, who tendered me as dear as his Life ? had he been bad, I might have done it.* Yet after their Departure, she went to remove her Bed, and had scarce drawn it two foot, but under it she espied a little Casket, the which she took up, and having opened it, she (to her great Joy) found all the Jewels therein ; and thereupon sent to a Kinsman of hers, whom she could best trust, to ask his Advice how she should bestow them ; and when he came, she first told him the manner of her finding them, and afterwards shew'd them to him ; who after some Consideration, advised her to earry them her self to the King, saying, That if they were offered to be sold, they would be stopped ; and then her Life might come in Danger. To this Advice of her Cofin's she gladly consented ; so that away she went, and after Attendance, got to be admitted into the King's presence, where kneeling before him, she said, *Most gracious Liege, I am come humbly to present you with the Jewels for which my dear Husband lost his Life : as I was removing my Bed this Day, I found them under it ; and with that she delivered the Casket : Which the King opening, and perceiving they were all there,*
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he greatly rejoyced, saying, *Forasmuch as you have been thus faithful you shall not go unrewarded: As for the Loss of your Husband, I, as well as you, am not a little grieved, therefore to repair the Loss I will choose you another; and thereupon called a Knight, and commanded him to marry her; the which the Knight consented to, as not being willing to disoblige the King; the Ceremonies of their Marriage was celebrated in the King's presence: And now, said the King, I endow you with my Mannor of Woodstock, with a thousand Pounds a Year, to continue yours during both your Lives; and thereupon he dismissed them. So that the Bride departed joyful that such good Fortune had befallen, and went to all her Gossips to acquaint them with the same, giving the Widow many Thanks for her seasonable Advice, saying, *If she had not removed the Bed, the Jewels might have stood there Time out of Mind; telling her that she would always make use of her Counsel for the future.**

C H A P. VIII.

How Fortunatus having got over Sea, lost himself in a Wood in France: and of his encontring with, and killing a wild Bear that came to devour him.

THe Dread of hanging, and his narrow Escape, so terrified *Fortunatus*, that

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did not think himself safe so long as he trod upon *English* Ground, whereupon he made what haste he could to pass the Seas, so that having got on board a Ship, in which his dear Master used to traffick, she set sail for *France*, where they set him on Shore; and now he being Monyless thought the best way to get him a Master; but after long enquiring, finding none that would entertain him, he resolv'd to travel further; when being belated in a large Forrest, where few Passengers travell'd, he struck out of the Road into the Cross-way, which led him into further Intanglements, for not being able to find any end of the Wood, when the Evening came, he sat him down and began to lament himself, being both hungry and a-thirst; yet there he sat, not daring to sleep for Fear of the wild Beasts, which he heard make hideous Noises from many Parts, and who in the night usually range for Prey; but that night escaping any Eneounter with them, the next Day he got up and went onwards: But at last was so entangled in the thickets, that he could hardly go either backwards or forwards; but at last he found some Water, of which he drinking freely out of his Hat, he made his Dinner of Berries, and Cornel, and so passed that Day. The next Night the Moon began to shine, and as he was sitting, and greatly bewailing his

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Condition, he heard a rustling in the Leave looking up, he perceived a huge Bear coming to him, whose ugly Sight did not a little terrifie him ; whereupon to avoid her Fury, he got up the Tree that stood next him, thinking to continue there till such time as the Bear was passed by ; but she having espied him, began to climb the tree after him, and withal made such a hideous Noise, that she caused several other Beasts to repair thither : The Bear came at him with open Mouth, and he still, as she reach'd at him with her Paws, wounded her in one Place or other, till at length she fell down



dead, which *Fortunatus* perceiving, and as well noting that all the other Beasts were withdrawn, he came down and thrust his Sword

Sword into the Bear's Heart ; after which, being almost starved with Hunger, he flead part of her, and cutting off some of her Flesh, eat it, by which being strengthened, he the next Morning got up, and resolved to search his Way out ; when at last coming into the great Road, where he was at first, he met a Walloon, who directed him the nearest Way ; insomuch that in an hours travelling he got out of the Forrest, and came to the City of *Orleance*, where he met with some Refreshment, but had like to have paid dear for his coming thither, as in the next Chapter will appear.

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How Fortunatus falling asleep in 'a Porch in the City of Orleance, had a bloody Knife pnt into his Sleeve, and how he being found with it, was accused of the Murther of a Gentlewoman, and narrowly escaped ; the Person that did the Murther being broken upon thr Wheel for the same.

IN the City of *Orleance*, in the Kingdom of *France*, lived one *James D' Brat*, a rich Merchant, who had a fair and beautiful young Gentlewoman to his Daughter, named *Mary D' Bret*, who being a considerable Fortune, had many Suitors, and amongst the rest, a Merchant of the same Place, whose Name was *Anthony Monpiles*,
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it's true, he was a very comely Gentleman, but being young he was drawn away by lude Company to all manner of extravagancies; which made the Father of the Damsel that he would not hearken to the giving him his Daughter, although the Maid could have been well content to have loved him for his Person; but being charged by her Father, upon his Blessings, and the Ties of her Obedience, not to permit his farther Addresses, she not only gave him his Answer at his next coming, but also would not from that time forward admit him to see her, unless by Accident he met her in the Street, and then, as much as in her lay, she should shun him; which made him turn his former Love into Hatred, and to study of Revenge; insomuch that within a while after, he having certain Notice by some of her Servants (whom he bribed to send him Word how things went from time to time) to a Knight's eldest Son, who lived at a Village about four Miles from the City; he being moved by the Instigation of the Devil, resolved to hinder the Match whatever it cost him; and thereupon he disclosed his Mind to one *Saggue*, a bloody Villain, and one with whom he often kept Company, who advised him, That since the Gentlewoman had proved false to him in breaking her Promise, and now was resolved, by marrying another, to frustrate all

all his hope; it was but just, that since he could not enjoy her himself, to hinder any other from doing the same; For, says he, it will surely grieve you to think what Pleasure your Rival enjoys, whilst you suffer Pain and Torment; nay more, to think how they will flout and jeer you at their Merry making, and often laugh you to Scorn for being so foolish to bestow upon her such liberal Gifts, and all to no Purpose; nay, and that your Rival shall have them at his Dispose.

This so inflamed *Montples*, that he could afterwards talk of nothing but Revenge, and thereupon secretly agreed with this bloody Varlet for two hundred Crowns to make her away, either by stabbing, poisoning, drowning, or strangling; so that being furnished with fit Instruments of Death, *Saggue* went to wait about her Lodging, for a fit Opportunity, but finding she came not out, he got on a Serving-man's Habit, and having written a Letter in the Name of the Knight's Son, to whom she was suddenly to be married, he came in the Dark of the Evening and knocked at the Door, which the Maid opening, demanded his Business, who told her, That he came from such a Gentleman with a Letter, and some rich Presents, which he had Order to deliver to none but her Master's Daughter; upon which the Wench went up and acquainted her what the Messenger had

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had said : So that the innocent Lady not dreaming her end was so nigh, came down, and taking him aside into her withdrawing-room, ordered the Maid to bring a Glass of Wine, the which after she had sat down, she withdrew, as thinking they might have some private Talk which was not fitting



for her to hear, when the Maid was gone he told the Gentlewoman a very formal Story, and then gave her the Letter, which she having opened, began to read ; whilst he was feeling in his Pockets, as if he had the Presents there that were specified in the Letter : But instead of Presents he drew out a Knife secretly, and perceiving the Coast clear, whilst she was reading, he with full Force struck it to the Hilt in her Breast,

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Breast, upon which giving a Shriek she fell down dead, which the Murtherer perceiving, he hasted thence, but had scarcely passed the outward Gate, when the Father of the Damsel coming by, espied her weltring in her Gore; at which he raised such a doleful Exclamation, as alarm'd all the house; whereupon Pursuit was immediately made after the Murtherer, who by this time had got Ground, and by that Means he had some time to look about him; when in a Porch he espied *Fortunatus* asleep, upon which he taking the bloody Knife wherewith he had done the Villany, he put it into *Fortunatus* his Sleeve, and so departed. Now by this Time the whole City was alarm'd with the piteous Out-cries of the Servants, who were upon the Pursuit of the Murtherer, who run here and there searching and enquiring, as not being certain, by Reason of the many Turnings, which way he fled; when at last one of them coming to the Porch where *Fortunatus* lay still asleep, he cried out, *Here he is, here he is; I have found him, I have found him.* For indeed *Fortunatus* had the bad Luck to have a Suit of Cloaths on at that time not unlike to the Murtherer's, by which the Maid that let him in described him to the rest. At the Noise and Outcries they made *Fortunatus* suddenly awaked, when starting up in great Amazement, the Knife dropped

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dropped out of his Sleeve ; which they taking up, and perceiving to be still bloody, they concluded absolutely that he had murther'd their Mistress ; and thereupon dragging him through the Streets. railing upon him, and threatening him with a thousand Deaths, without giving him the least Knowledge what it was, for when they were come before the Magistrate, they declared what had happened, shewing the Knife they had found about him ; the Maid likewise swore it was he ; whereupon the People cried out, *Hang him, hang him* ; in-somuch, that though he pleaded Innocence, and made many Excuses, he could not be heard, but away he was sent to Prison, and laid in Irons, and in a short time after he was condemned to be broke upon the wheel ; when it was so chanced that three Days before the Murtherer was apprehended on Suspicion of another Murther which he had committed ; for which being eutreamly wracked, and at the Point of Death, he did not only confess that, but this also, for which *Fortunatus* was to suffer, telling the manner and what induced him to do it, and how upon his Flight, he found *Fortunatus*, and put the Knife into his Sleeve as he slept. This Confession coming to the Judge's Ear, he gave Order to stay Execution two Days longer, and in the mean time sent for the Murtherer and *Fortunatus*, as likewise the Maid

Maid who had seen him, and setting them both before her, bid her tell which was the Murtherer: upon which, after some pause she said, she now well perceived she had been mistaken as to what she had before sworn to, in relation to *Fortunatus*, avowing the other to be the Man; and not only knew him by his Voice, but by a Star in his Face, and he being no longer able to conceal his Guilt, he told them all the Passages, how he came to the Gentlewoman with a forged Letter, the which he wrote himself, and how he was hired for two hundred Crowns by *Montples*; upon which the Letter being there, the Judge ordered him to write again, the which he did, and then they being compared, it plainly appeared to be his Hand. Whereupon the Judge thanked God, who had made such a Seasonable Discovery of the Truth; and thereupon sent and apprehended *Montples*, who finding the other had confessed the whole Matter, he also acknowledged it; for which, within a short time after, *Montples* was beheaded, and *Saggue* broke upon the Wheel, but *Fortunatus* set free. And the People that a little before had exclaimed against him, pitied him for his wrongful Suffering, and thereupon made a Parle amongst themselves, and gathered him six Crowns, the which he taking very thankfully, departed the City, giving Praise

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Praise to God who had so miraculously
wrought his Deliverance.

C H A P. X.

*How Fortunatus travelling through a Forrest,
was met by Dame Fortune, and how she
gave him a Purse, that continually supplied
his Expences.*



Fortunatus being got out of the City of
Orleance, took his Way towards Paris,
when travelling through a huge Forrest, he
on his right Hand perceived a beautiful
Creature in Female Habit, sitting under a
broad spreading Beech-tree, with a Vail
over her Eyes, who as he came near, arose
and crossed him in his Way, at which he
rejoyced not a little, for he thought there
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had been nought but Bears and wild Beasts in the Place: But looking steadfastly upon her, he began to ponder whether she might not be a Fairy, or bodily Shape composed by Delusion: But whilst he was in this Doubt, she taking him by the Hand, gently asked him whither he was going; upon which he told her, desiring her that she would accompany her out of the Wood. To which she replied, She might not go with him, but that she would do more for him than any on Earth ever had done: Whereupon *Fortunatus* gave her many thanks and desired to know her Name, and what she was, and her Business in so desert a Place; to whom she answered, *My Name is Fortunc, and here I am placed by him, who made all things, and therefore has Power to dispose of them as it best pleaseth him: By his Commission I am here placed, to distribute six things, according to the Influence of the Stars, by his Appointment does direct; the which are these, Wisdom, Health, Long Life, Beauty Strength, and Riches; and now is the moment of Choice, therefore make no Delay, for in this Case the Opportunity being overslipped, returns not again in an Age: Be free, and take, for asking any of these which shall seem most pleasing to you. At this unexpected Offer, Fortunatus inwardly rejoyced, and stood not long to pause, but said, Then if it be in my Power to choose, give me Riches, even in such abundance,*

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abundance, that I never more may be reduced to Poverty. To which Fortune replied, Thy Wish is granted; and thereupon she gave him a Purse, saying, Take this as the Gift of Providence, the Verue of it being, that in what Country soever you shall hereafter be, when at any time you shall put your Hand into the same, you shall find ten Pieces of Gold of the currant Coin of that Nation where you are; and so it shall continue to do, during your Life, and the Life of your Sons, but no longer. This more and more rejoyced him, insomuch that he returned her a thousand Thanks: wherefore she rebuked him, saying, That he ought not to thank her for what he had received, but God Almighty, from whose liberal Bounty to the Sons of Men all good things flow. As for me, said she, I am but the Dealer of good things, and that I do by Chance, for I neither see nor have regard to the Persons on whom I bestow them, but am always hood-wink'd, as you now behold me, therefore had Wisdom been your Portion, she would have taught you far otherwise, even to have rendered Thanks where they are most justly due. Yet of what thou hast so freely received, bestow part upon the Poor, as thou shalt see Occasion. This said, Fortunatus bowed low, and promised to perform all she had commanded him: And as for this Day, I will yearly keep it sacred and liberally bestow Alms, nay, I will moreover bestow a large Portion on some unmarried Virgin,

Virgin, in order to her being disposed in Marriage. Then he desired her to lead him out of the Wood, which she promised, and thereupon ordered him to follow her, when as she led him into a great Road, and willed him to go strait forwards, neither turning to the Right or to the Left, nor so much as to look back to see what was become of her, when as she no sooner parted from him, but she vanished. Then *Fortunatus* travelling about three Hours, came to the End of the Wood, where lifting up his Eyes. he beheld a fair House, and being desirous to refresh himself there, for he perceived it was an Inn, he put his Hand into his Purse, to try if what had been related were true, and thereupon pulled out ten Pieces of Gold, at which he greatly rejoiced, and entering the Inn, called for meat and drink of the best, and by reason the Host began to mistrust him, as being mean in Apparel, he pulled out two Crowns and gave him them before-hand, whereupon the Host joyfully spread the Table with the best Provision the House would afford.

C H A P. XI.

How Fortunatus, at his Departure from the Inn, bought three fair Horses, which Earl Radulphus had before cheapned, for which he was imprisoned, and narrowly escaped with his Life.

WHen *Fortunatus* had sufficiently taken his Repast, and therewith greatly refreshed himself, after three Days Continuance in the Inn, he perceived in the Stable exceeding rich Trappins, with all manner of Furniture for a Horseman, he demanded of his Host, to what, or whose Horse they did belong, To none, says the Host, for they are left here to be sold. Then said *Fortunatus*, What is the Price of them? Fifty Crowns, said the Host. Here is your Money, said *Fortunatus*, and so taking them he departed. when travelling forwards, some Distance thence, he espied a great Village with a Castle in it, standing upon a hill, and thither he repaired with all speed, as having there to light of a good horse, the which in his former Inn he could not do, when he came thither, he asked for the best Inn in the Town, and being directed to it, he sat him down, and call'd for Provision, which his Host brought him, then falling into Discourse, he asked him, Whether he knew not of any good horses

horses that were to be sold thereabouts ; to which the Host replied , That there were three exceeding fair horses which had been lately brought to that Town by a Merchant intending to dispose of them at the Entertainment that was to be made by the Duke of *Orleance*, upon the Account of his Wedding with the fair *Isabella*, Daughter to the King of *Arragon* ; then was *Fortunatus* desirous to see 'em ; but the Host told him that the Earl *Rodolphus* had bidden two hundred Crowns for them, and the Merchant refused to take under three hundred Crowns : *No matter for the Price*, said *Fortunatus*, *if I do but like them* ; and thereupon he desired his Host to go with him to the place where they were, which he did, and smiled as he went to think how he should lose his Labour, for he did not imagine *Fortunatus* had Money to purchase them ; and coming to the Merchant, after having well viewed them, *Fortunatus* drew out the Mony, and paid it down, and had the Horses delivered to him, the which he and his Host conveyed to the Inn, where he gave Order for rich Saddles to be made, and such Furniture as was wanting ; desiring the Host likewise to harken out for two trusty Servants, whom he would furnish with all things necessary. But whilst he was making these Preparations, the Earl sent as much Mony as was demanded for the

the horses ; when finding that they were gone, he grew exceeding angry, and sent again to know who it was that durst buy them out of his Hands ; and having understood at what Inn they were, he sent his Servants thither, who coming to the Host, demanded if such horses were in his Stables, to which he answered, *Yes.* then said they, *Our Lord has sent to know the Man that durst to buy them out of his Hands.* Why truly, said the Host, *he's a Stranger, and came by Accident, when among other things, he asked me, Whether any good horses were to be sold thereabouts, and accordingly I told him, but did not think by his Garb he was able to buy an Ass : As for Furniture, he brought it with him, but how he came by it I know not.* Nay, said the Servants, *in all Likelihood he has robbed and murder'd some Gentleman upon the Road: and thereupon they departed in a great Rage.*

C H A P. XII.

How the Earl caused Fortunatus to be apprehended, and cast into Prison, till he gave an Account how he came by his Money ; and was obliged to deliver the Horses, and three hundred Crowns, &c.

THE Earl having Notice of all that had passed, sent immediately to apprehend *Fortunatus* in his Inn ; who then, by the Counsel of his Host, was preparing to

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depart; but having seized on him, they brought him before their Lord; who, after many reproachful Words, demanded whence he was, and how he came by so much Money, as to buy such high-prized Horses out of his hands. As to the first, he answered, that he was the Son of a poor Courtier of the City of *Famogosta*, in the Isle of *Cyprus*. As to the second, he said, What Money he had, he came honestly by it, and therefore ought not to be questioned about it, unless any could prove to the contrary; adding, That he never yet wronged any Body of one Farthing. But the Earl angerly told him, That it was not likely such a Fellow as he should have so much Money unless he had robb'd or murder'd some Person for it; and thereupon order'd him to be fastned to the Rack, in order to force him to a Confession; yet he resolved rather to suffer the greatest Extremity, than to confess the secret Vertue of his fortunate Purse; but being put to exceeding Torture, he desired to be taken off the Rack, and he would confess; the which they did, and brought him before the Earl from out of the Prison; where when he had first begg'd Mercy, he said, *As I yesterday was travelling in a Forrest, it so chanced, that I found a Purse with six hundred and twenty Crowns in it. In what Forrest said the Earl? A Forrest about four Miles from this*

this Place. Why, you Varlet, said the Earl, with a stern Countenance, will you rob me of my Right? for know that I am Lord of the Forrest, it, and whatsoever else is found there, appertains to me. I knew not that, said Fortunatus, and therefore humbly crave your Pardon. But, said the Earl, you shall be made to know it ere you depart, and therefore now tell me what is become of the Purse and Money? As for the Purse, replied Fortunatus, I took the Money out of it, and then threw it into a Brook that runs through the Forrest; but if it should please your Honour to take the rest of the Money, here it is. That shall not serve, said the Earl, for I will not only take your Money but your Life: and therefore against to morrow prepare for your Execution. This made Fortunatus exceeding sad, and began to wish that he had chosen Wisdom instead of Riches, by which he easily might have escaped such Troubles, but seeing that Power and Tyranny would have its Will, he fell on his Knees, and with Tears besought the Earl to spare his Life, and take both the Horses and the Money; For, said he, What will it avail you to take away my life, that am such a miserable Creature? But if you spare me, I shall ever extol your Clemency and Goodness. This, and the Intreaty of the Earl's Servants, but especially the Countess's Gentlewoman, moved him to relent, so that having taken an Oath of him never to discover what had passed, he gave him

two Crowns hack, and sent his Servants to see him out of Town, where they left him, at which *Fortunatus* did not a little rejoyce, forasmuch as he had his dear Companion, the Purse to bear him Company, then having abjured ever coming within the Earl's Jurisdiction any more, he departed towards *Britan*, and after some time; came to *Angiers*, a considerable City of that Dukedom, where, at that time, was held a great Feast, in honour of the Marriage of the Duke's Daughter with the Prince of *Saxony*; upon which Occasion a number of Lords and others, were come thither gallantly attended: Upon which, *Fortunatus*, notwithstanding his late bad Success by dealing in horse-flesh, bought three more horses, and put himself in a splendid Equipage, and likewise hired two Servants, and betook himself to the best Inn, where he kept Company, and conversed with the best, and so continued in great Splendor, till the Celebration of the Marriage.

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How an Irish Gentleman was entertained by Fortunatus, as his Companion, and what befel them in their Travels.

WHilst *Fortunatus* continued at this City, he spent most part of his time in seeing the Pastimes which were made, as
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pompous shows, masques, dancings, tilts, tournaments, and many other noble exercises; and so being used every day to depart from the Inn with his Men and Horses, the Host began at last to mistrust, he would give him the slip, as some others of his Guest had done, and thereupon he acquainted him with his Thought; at which *Fortunatus* smiling, put his hand into his Purse, and pulled out a hundred Crowns, the which he gave to the Host, saying, *Here honest Fellow, take this. and when thou thinkest we have had as much as it comes to, ask for more; I shall not be very inquisitive to know the Account.* At this the Host began to look very pleasant ever after, shewing great Respect to *Fortunatus*, setting him at the upper-end of the Table, and handing him the choicest Dishes of Meat, and best Wine; though several noble Persons were there present. Not long after as was sitting at Dinner with six Earls, and ten Lords, besides other Gentlemen of good Fashion, several Musicians came and offered to play before them, telling them, that they had been Gentlemen but were now fallen to Decay, and were forced to take up that Employ for their Living; when they had played a good while, an Earl at the Table asked one of them, that was more likely than the rest, what Country Man he was? Who replied, that he was an *Irish* Man, and had spent all his

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Estate in travelling; For, said he, *I have been in most Parts of the World, and can name and have seen, most of the Emperors, Kings, and Sovereign Princes in Europe, Asia, and Africa; and can describe the Splendor of their Courts, the Manners and Customs of their Countries, and speak most Languages, with many other things.* Then they asked his Name, who told them he was called *Lespoldus*, and came of a worshipful Family, which appeared no less in his Carriage and portly Demeanor; upon which the Nobility and Gentry being moved to Compassion, that so goodly a Person should be reduced to Poverty, they liberally distributed Money to him and his Companions, and desired him to stay and attend them whilst the Feast continued; for which, not only he, but the rest returned their Honours a thousand Thanks. Then one of the Earls asked him if he would be willing to live with him, and become a Tutor, and he should never want: but he excused it, saying, He had left a Wife and Children in his own Country, which he longed to see. Now *Fortunatus*, who had curiously observed the Man, began to think with himself, could I but procure him for my Companion in Travel, I should think my self happy; and thereupon, when dinner was ended, he sent privately for him to come to his Chamber; where, when engaged, *Fortunatus* saluted him after the most courteous

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concretous manner, and told him, That he was minded to spend the residue of his days in Travel: and that if he would become his Companion, he would so provide for him that he should ever have Plenty; as likewise provide a horse for himself, and another for a Man who should wait on him. To this *Leopoldus* replied, *I could be well content with this Proffer, if it were not so that I so much long to see my Wife and Children, which have been the Occasion of my Return out of far Countries.* To which *Fortunatus* answered him, *If you will make me a solemn Promise, that you will afterwards accompany me, I will go with you into Ireland first, and bear your Charges thither; and then return to Cyprus, the Isle wherein I was born, and so from thence, by Sea and Land, travel into other Countries and Kingdoms, as we shall think fit.* At this *Leopoldus* inwardly rejoiced; but having known the exceeding Charge of Travel, he thought with himself that *Fortunatus* could never be able to perform what he promised; and thereupon told him, *Unless you have great Sums of Money, it is in vain to undertake what you propose.* Let me alone for that, said *Fortunatus*, for I shall have Money in all Places where I come. If it be so, said *Leopoldus*, and thou wilt perform thy Promise, I am content. And therefore *Leopoldus* having a horse provided for him, and another for his Man, which *Fortunatus* had caused to be hired,

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immediately after the *Hoff* was discharged,
they departed that City; and so visiting
many fair Cities and Towns, at last they
arrived at the City of *Bruges* in *Flanders*,
where, taking shipping, they sailed for *Lon-*
don, where having staid a while, they de-
parted for *Scotland*, still visiting all Places
of Note as they passed: and from *Scotland*
they sailed over Sea into *Ireland*, when
coming to *London-derry*, and from thence to
Waldrink, where was *Leopoldus's* own house,
he was not known, by reason of the Al-
teration his long Absence had made, but
finding his Wife and Children all in good
health, he, by many Tokens, made them
to understand who he was, to their no
small Joy, the next Day came thither *For-*
fortunatus and his Men, who perceiving that
Leopoldus was but slenderly provided, gave
him a hundred Crowns, bidding him go
and buy such Provision as was convenient,
and invite the chief of his Neighbours to
Dinner; the which he did, and very splen-
dently entertained them. When *Fortunatus*
had staid there about a Month, he was desi-
rous to be gone, and acquainted *Leopoldus*
with the same, giving him two thousand
Crowns to leave with his Wife and Chil-
dren, and so, after Leave taken, and some
Tears shed at parting *Leopoldus* went with
Fortunatus; and as they travelled, he told
him of *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, which was
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in their Way, some Miles distant from *Wardrink*; this made *Fortunatus* desirous to see it, insomuch, that when they came to Abby, *Leopoldus* went to the Abbot, and told him, that a strange Lord was arrived there, and was very desirous to see *St. Patrick's Purgatory*; to which he consented, provided the Fees were paid to those that kept it. Which *Fortunatus* not



only did, but likewise presented the Abbot with a Cask of the best Wine that could be got in the Town of *Yerneck*, where the Abby stood: so that in Requitall, the Abbot invited him and *Leopoldus* to Dinner; and at their Request told them that the Town wherein the Abby stood was once a *vvild Desatt*, or *Wilderness*, and that

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One *Patrick*, a devout Man, who was wont to leave his Monastery and resort thither to Prayers, when one Day finding a large hole in the Ground, over-grown with Bushes, he enter'd therein, and finding the inside more large and spacious, arched over with pumice, and supported with Pillars of Earth, he ventured yet further, when striking into a winding Path, he lost his Way, and could not get out again, but was assaulted with fierce Winds, as hot as the Steam of a Furnace, and heard many doleful Cries and Groans, upon which he fell upon his Knees, and prayed to God to deliver him out of that Place for his Mercies sake; when as he was taken up and carried out the Way he came in; whereupon it was ever since called *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, and this Abby he built in Token of his Deliverance. This made *Fortunatus* the more desirous to see it, and resting that Night, he got up early the next Morning, and having shrieved himself, and said his Prayers devoutly; he, together with *Leopoldus*, who accompanied him, went to the Hole behind the Altar, to which there was a Door, and a pair of Stairs of Earth; when they were in, the Monks shut the Door after them, and prayed for their happy Return, as they used to do for others, that had gone in before him, and withal admonished them not to venture too far, lest they were lost, as

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many Pilgrims had been, who were not found again in three or four Days. *Fortunatus* and *Leopoldus* being in, went forwards about a hundred Paces, and coming into a narrow passage that they could but go one a-breast, they turned so often, that they at last were lost in the Labyrinth, not knowing when they went backwards or when forwards, so that they continued wandering to and fro for the Space of two Days, hearing loud Shrieks and Groans, and now and then felt hot Flashes, which so much amazed them, that they wished they had never ventured in; and besides, Hunger began to assault them very grievously, insomuch that *Fortunatus* began to say, That now his purse was useless: and that notwithstanding he had Gold and Silver, yet that would not satisfie Nature, but that they must now starve with Hunger; and thereupon they both fell upon their Knees, and made a Vow, That if God vould be pleased to deliver them this once, they would never be so rashly venturous again. Novv the third Day came, and the Servants vvithout being very impatient of their Master's stay, call'd at the Mouth of the Hole, and held in lighted Torches, but in vain; vvhen as not only they, but the Abbot and Priests vvere in great Perplexity, as thinking *Fortunatus* and *Leopoldus* vvere either lost or dead; insomuch that they began

gan to sing Mass for their Souls; when as the Abbot calling an old Man to mind, who had measured the Hole with Ropes, he sent for him, and willed him to go in and seek for two Gentlemen that had lost themselves therein; the which, upon their Servants Promise, that their Masters should give him a hundred Crowns, he undertook, saying, if they were alive, he would bring them thence. Whereupon taking with him a lighted Torch, and Pipe, he entred, but that Torch soon went out, yet he passed on playing on his Pipe, and having gone a thousand paces, began to hollow to them, who with faint Voices answered, till at last, he being directed by the Sound, came to them, and informed them that he was come to fetch them out; and taking them by the Hand, bid them follow him, which they did with no small Content, vvhhen they came out, they vvere exceeding feeble, yet greatly rejoyced at their Deliverance: So that vvhhen *Fortunatus* his Men told him how they had agreed vvvith the old Man for a hundred Crowns, he gave him two hundred and then ordered a sumptuous Dinner, and invited the Abbot and the rest, and desired them to return God Thanks for the great Deliverance he had sent them, giving two hundred thousand Crowns amongst the Priests; and after leave taken, departed; and taking Ship, set sail for *Calice*, and from

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from thence went to *Paris*, and over Land to *Rome*, seeing many fair Countries and strange things in their way.

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How Fortunatus travelled from Rome to Constantinople, and what befel him at the Coronation of the Emperor.

Fortunatus and Leopoldus having continued at *Rome* some time, to take notice of the splendor and pomp of the Bishop's Court, departed thence for *Venice*; whereupon news had, that the Emperor of *Constantinople*, intended to crown his Son Emperor, by reason he was so old that he could not wield the Government as he ought; the State of *Venice* resolved to send an Ambassador with several Presents to congratulate this Establishment in the Empire: And now the Gallies being ready, *Fortunatus* so order'd the matter with the Captain one of them, that he got leave for him and his Retinue to pass to *Constantinople* therein; when after ten Days sail they came within sight of the City, and were met by some of the Emperor's Gallies who were sent to welcome them; and coming on shore, the Ambassador and a stately house provided him, but as for *Fortunatus*, *Leopoldus*, and their Men, they were forced to betake themselves to an Inn, which proved none
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of the best ; for the Host was a Thief, and usually watched his Opportunity to rob his Guests when they were sleeping, who dreamed of no such matter ; so that the Host perceiving *Fortunatus* to have great store of Mony, he resolved to make bold with some of it ; and therefore, in their Absence, got into their Chamber through a private Door, and searched all about, but found no Mony ; so that he concluded they carried it all about them, and so resolved, when they paid again, to watch where they put it. A while after *Fortunatus* came to pay, and, putting his Hand under the Table, pulled out Mony and gave it to *Leopoldus* to pay the Reckoning, that it might not be perceivd from whence he had it ; so that the Host marked him well, supposed it was hidden in his Cloaths, and was resolved the next Night to put in with him for a Snack : Now *Fortunatus*, in the midst of his Merriments, remembred the time was come wherein he was to perform his Vow made to Dame *Fortune*, about bestowing four hundred Crowns on a Virgin in Marriage ; and thereupon he called his Host, and asked him if he knew any honest Man that had a fair Danghter to bestow, and he would give her a portion : The Host told him, That a Neighbour of his had one was marriageable ; upon which, *Fortunatus* bid the Host go to her Parents
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and bid them bring her the next Morning ; which the Host neglected to do, saying, She was gone abroad, and would not return till late the next morrow Evening, the the which he did because they should not part with their Mony till he had put in for a Share ; so that when they were in Bed, and sleeping soundly by reason they were tired the Day before at the noble Pastimes that were held in the City, about midnight the Host came through the private Door, and first coming to *Leopoldus*, he felt and soon found his purse, and took from thence fifty Duckets, then coming to *Fortunatus* he felt his purse likewise, but not putting his hand into it, he could not perceive any Mony, for such was the Secret, that to all those that felt the Out-side it felt empty, whereupon the Host having cut it from off his Girdle, threw it under the Bed, and so so setting open all the Doors and Windows departed ; when about the third Watch *Leopoldus* awaked, and espying all the windows open, called to the Servants, as likewise to *Fortunatus*, as fearing what had happened, when the Servants were awakened, he chid them extreemly for leaving open the Doors and Windows, but they stoutly affirmed, that they shut them fast when they went to Bed, upon which *Leopoldus* feeling for his purse, found it gone, and calling to *Fortunatus*, told him that he
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was robbed, *Fortunatus* starting up, between Sleep and awake, found his purse also gone, and thereupon he fell into such extream Sorrow, that he swooned away, which caused no small stir amongst his Servants, so that their Host, who all this while stood listening, came in, and angerly demanded, Why they made such ado to trouble the whole house? Whereupon they told him, they were robbed, to which he replied, *Like enough so, perhaps you have Thieves amongst your selves, and have robbed one another.* But when he beheld *Fortunatus* in that condition, he also assisted to bring him to himself again, telling them, That they ought to have looked to their Doors and Windows at a time when so many Thieves were abroad. When *Fortunatus* came to himself, he was exceeding sorrowful, upon which the Host asked him, *How much Money have you lost?* Who replied, *Not much,* but that he had lost a purse with a Bill of Exchange in it worth a thousand Crowns, though it would do them little or no good that had it, for they could not receive any Money, unless he gave his discharge. Now the Host that knew where the purse was, bid him search about; For said he, *it may be thrown some where into the Room; for but few Thieves care for any empty purses.* Whereupon *Fortunatus* his Men began to look about very diligently, and

and at last, under the Bed, espied the purse, which they took up, and delivered to their Master, who did not a little rejoyce that he had recovered it; but fearing least by its being cut from his Girdle, it might have lost his Virtue, he secretly put it under the Bed-cloaths, and then thrusting in his Hands, drew out Mony as formerly; then he began to rejoyce, and putting on his Cloaths, caused a Fire to be made, and Wine to be brought; when the Morning was far gone, his Horses being made ready, he rode abroad, and in his Way order'd *Leopoldus* and his Servants to stay at a Tavern till he went to his Exchequer, and took Monies thence sufficient for his purpose; so that having bought five new purses, he put in one of them a hundred Crowns, the which he gave to *Leopoldus* to buy Necessaries; and into the rest ten Crowns a piece, the which he gave to his Men every one, bidding them be careful of Thieves for the future, then went he and took out four hundred Crowns, which he had promised to bestow upon the Maid in Marriage, and so returned to his Inn; and willed his Host to go again to the Parents of the Maid, which he did, and finding her likewise at Home, he told the Father upon what Account he came, How that a Gentleman that lodged at his Inn, desired him to bring his Daughter thither and

and he would do good for her in order to procure her a happy Match. But the old Man thinking it was a Trap to get his Daughter thither to debauch her, would by no means consent, saying, *My Daughter's Virginity is all she hath to set her of in Marriage, and if by any means she should lose that, she will not only undo herself, but be a Stain to all her Kindred.* And said he, *I know there are many slippery Blades abroad, therefore I will not trust my Daughter from home amongst them, but if the Gentleman has any good meaning, and intends to see my Daughter, let him come to my House, and he shall be welcome, but to let her come to any Gentleman abroad, I will not.* At this the Host being much displeased, departed, and told *Fortunatus* all that had passed, endeavouring to incense him against the Virgin, and to bestow his Mony upon some other, but *Fortunatus* very approving of the Father's blunt and well-meaning Reply, caused his Servants to make ready his horse, and to attend him thither, the Host going also, when they came to the Door, he Host knocked hard, and the good Man opening the same he told him, That since he refused to let his Daughter come to the Gentleman, he was come to her. Which the good Woman hearing, and perceiving his Equipage, she run and caused the Wench to put on her best Cloaths, and prick up her Ears after the

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the best manner she could, and so, with as much trouble as it is to bring a Bear to the Stake, brought her into the Room where was, who taking him to be a Prince at least, fell down on her Knees before him, but he gently raised her, telling the Father on what Account he came; Therefore, said he, *if there be any young Man that is deserving of her hereabouts, let him come, and I will give him a good Portion with her.* At which the Mother told him, *Yes, there was a Neighbour's Son who loved her intirely, and would have wedded her long ago, had not his Parents restrained him, by reason her Portion was no ways answerable to his.* Then Fortunatus asked the Maid, *Do you like this Youth?* To which she replied, *I will be ruled by ruled by my Parents, and what they think fit shall be a Law to me.* Nay, nay, says her Mother, *and it shall please your Majesty, she likes him well enough, and has upon my faith and troth, a Month's mind to him, but that that the Baggage is sham'd fac'd.* Then Fortunatus ordered the Youth to be sent for, and found that they were of a fit Age to be married, whereupon Fortunatus asked him if he could like to take that Virgin for his Wife, if he should give her a portion? To which he answered *With a very good Will, if you give her any thing considerable, for I love well enough but dare not marry her without a Portion.*

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lest my Friends should disinherit me. And then he ask'd the Maid if she was willing, who very modestly replied, *Yes*, then the Friends being had, he sent for a Priest, who having joyned them in Matrimony, he delivered to the young Man a purse with four hundred Crowns, who, with many Scrapings and Gringings, received the same. He also gave Money to the Parents of the Maid to buy them Cloaths, and provided the Wedding-Dinner, for which they gave him a thousand Thanks, and praised God that had raised them up such a Friend in the time of need. Then *Fortunatus* departed to his Inn, and went to Dinner, *Leopoldus* and the rest not a little wondering how he came by so much Money.

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How Leopoldus slew the thievish Host, and how he and Fortunatus made their Escapes afterwards.

NOW the Feast being almost at an end, the Host began to plot how he might come in for some more Money, as well knowing *Fortunatus* would be gone as soon as the Sports were over, and thereupon he resolved, as formerly he had done, to come in at the privy-door, and rob them, but when he understood they burnt Wax-tapers all Night, he was somewhat fearful of being

ing discovered : But he had not long cast about for a Project, but he found one, which was this : He getting in when they were all abroad, boar'd Holes in the Tapers, and putting Water therein, stopp'd them close again; so that when *Fortunatus* and the rest, after Supper, were gone to Bed, he watched till the light went out, and then entred the Chamber as formerly, and came first to *Leopoldus* his Bed, where, by his too much tumbling the Cloaths to find out his Money, he awaked him ; when as *Leo-*



poldus, whose Sword lay ready, espied him by the Light of the Moon, he struck at him with full Force, that giving him a Cut over the Neck, he fetched a great Groan, and fell down dead ; then he called to the Ser-
vants,

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vants, Asking them why they had put out the Lights? saying, *Here are Thieves in the Room, therefore stand upon your Guards, and suffer none to go out.* Upon this Fortunatus awoke, and caused the Servants to strike Fire, the which no sooner appeared, but they found their Host weltering in his Blood, and gasping for Life; whereupon they were sore abashed; but especially Fortunatus, who said, O Leopoldus, *What hast thou done? now for this Murder shall we be all hanged, had not we have better have lost our Mony, than Life and Mony both, as now in most likelihood we shall?* To which Leopoldus replied, I did not doubt but this was the Thief that robbed us before, and not being Light to discern who I smote, I knew it not to be my Host; nor as it is, said he, is it any other than a Thief I have killed; therefore if the Truth were known, we should not be in danger. Nay, but replied Fortunatus, we may say what we will, we shall not be believ'd in our own case, I've had experience of that once before; and so he told him the story of the Murder in England, wishing secretly that some rich Merchant of the City knew the Vertue of the Purse, that so he might get him with a great Sum of Mony to bribe the Judge for his Delivery, but then, thought he, if he get such an inestimable treasure into his Hands, he will not lightly part with it, but rather incense
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the Judge to dispatch us, that he may enjoy the treasure. Whilst he was in these and such like perplexities, *Leopoldus* bid him be of good Courage, For, said he, I will soon rid you of your fear. I would you could, said he, and that I was far enough hence. Why then, said *Leopoldus*, follow my advice, and in so doing you shall be safe before Night come again. Then *Fortunatus* and the rest of the Servants promised to do whatever he should counsel them: Said he, Whilst it is yet dark, and none are stirring, let the Body be conveyed into the Court-yard and there cast it into the Well, and after-



wards wipe up the Blood; then all you shew merry and pleasant Countenances, and so as soon as it is Light, we will pay our reckoning

ning and depart. This they agreed to, and immediately two of the Servants took up the Body, and carried it to the Well, where they threw it in head foremost, as *Leopoldus* had directed them, cleansing the Chamber of the Blood ; and when it was morning, got up and ordered their horses to be made ready, being all very chearful ; after which they called for Wine, and paying they had the Day before, they gave to every one of the Servants two duckets, telling them, They were very sorry they had not the opportunity of drinking with their Host, but notwithstanding they would shortly return, and thank him for his Kindness : So the Servants dismissed them with many Thanks not dreaming of their Master's being murder'd. When they were got out out of the City, they rod towards *Turky* with all speed, not stopping till they had rid about thirty miles, and then, only baiting for a little, they set forward again, and were so swift to avoid pursuit, that they rod a hundred miles that Day ; the next day they set forward again, and came to *Achipsania*, a City garrison'd with Turks, and govern'd by a Bashaw ; then they were not suffered to pass through without a Passport from the Governor, which *Leopodus* for twenty four Crowns obtained ; then had they an experienc'd Guide allotted them, who had, for his Wages, a Crown every Day ;

Day ; this Guide conducted them to the great Turk's palace, and then, and not till then, could *Fortunatus* be out of Fear lest he should be pursued: here they stayed a Month to behold the Splendor and Magnificence of the Palace, which for rich and stately Building, surpassed the Courts of all the Christian Princes, had they been united in one ; but seeing that they were for the most part Heathens, and consequently God's Enemies, they would have no Discourse, nor keep Company with any of them: from thence they crossing the Country, passed through *Bononia, Hungaria, Bohemia, Saxony, Dalmatia, Sweden, Denmark*, and many other places viewing the Monuments and stately Buildings as they passed, and at last went into *Italy* ; where passing through the Dukedom of *Millan, Florence, Farara, Mantua*, and the Kingdom of *Naples*, they at last came to *Venice*, which was then a place for Merchandise, the richest in the World, there he bought many costly Jewels, Pearls, Gold-fringe, and Gold-imbroideries, with Velvet and other costly Stuff. Now after sixteen years absence, resolving to return into his own Country to visit his Parents, when he came to *Famossa*, he heard they were dead, for which he greatly sorrowed ; and being shew'd the Place of their Burial, he caus'd a very stately and magnificent Monument to be erected to their Memory, with this Inscription: D U-

*Under this Marble-pile these Victims lie,
 Whose Names Death has not Pow'r for to destroy,
 But unto After-ages they shall live,
 And an Example to true Lovers give:
 Fam'd Theodorus, Fortunatus's Father,
 And beauteous Gratiana, his dear Mother,
 Lie here intom'd, their Bodies here do lie,
 But their great Souls are wrap'd above the Sky.*

After this he built him a fair house, and entertained several Maid-servants, bought him a Coach, and other things necessary; so that the Gentry began to wonder how he came by such vast Sums of Money, when as all of them knew he departed extream poor.

C H A P. XVI.

*How Fortunatus, by the King's Command,
 was married to fair Cassandra, Daughter
 to the Lord Nemina.*

Within a while after his arrival in Cyprus, he purchased the greatest part of his Father's estate, which was sold and mortgaged; then built he a fair palace, a Church and Chantry, with Houses for 12 Priests, endowing them with one thousand four hundred crowns a year; made stately parks, gardens, fountains, and fish-ponds, with

with many other rare devices; insomuch, that most of the Noble-men of Cyprus were proud of his Company, and many were very desirous to match their Daughters to him, insomuch that the King himself taking notice of it, and being in discourse with the Lord *Nemina*, who had three fair Daughters, he asked him, what he thought if *Fortunatus* should request one of his marriage? Why truly, reply'd he, and it may please your Majesty, I do not think it fit, for I perceive he has no great estate, and although he has ready Mony, he is so prodigal both in expences and building, that it cannot last long, and therefore I believe your Majesty would not advise me to match any of my Daughters to him, lest as his Father did, he at last should come to poverty, notwithstanding his riches. Indeed, said the King, he has built a fair palace, and many other stately edifices, yet his estate is not at all impaired, for I have been informed, that he has Jewels by him worth a hundred thousand crowns, and yet he will not sell one of them, therefore if you will take my advice, offer him one of your Daughters and I will second the Matter. By this the Earl perceiving that *Fortunatus* was highly in the King's favour, he said, Well, if it please your Majesty, I will commit my Daughters to your dispose, and with whatsoever your Majesty shall do I will be well

satisfied. To which the King answered,
 That since he reposed so much Trust in him,
 he would not only give her in marriage, but
 give her a dowry likewise; and thereup-
 on ordered the Earl to send his three daugh-
 ters to the Queen, whereupon he went home
 and acquainted his Wife with what had
 hapned, with which she seemed at first dis-
 pleased, but after he urged it was the Kings
 pleasure, she was conteuted; and thereup-
 on sent her three Daughters well attended
 and in costly garbs, to the Queen, who re-
 ceived them joyfully. The King having
 notice that they were come, he sent for
Fortunatus, telling him, That he had a
 design to take him a Wife, and that he, be-
 ing loath any of base extraction should pos-
 sels so fair and costly a Building, himself
 would, if he thought fit, provide him One
 of noble birth, and such a One as he doub-
 ed not but would please him. Whereup-
 on *Fortunatus* bowing low, gave his Maje-
 sty many thanks, saying, That indeed he
 intended to seek out for a Wife, but since his
 Majesty had far condescended as to give
 himself the trouble of providing him one,
 he would not look any further, but wholly
 submit to what his Majesty thought fit.
 Then said the King, I have in my palace,
 three fair Virgins, Daughters to the Lord
Nemina, of those you shall have your choice;
 therefore say, whether you will see them
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separate, or all together. At this *Fortunatus* paused not, but replied, If it may please your Majesty, I would see them together, and hear them speak one after another. That you shall, said the King; and thereupon sent one of his Pages to the Queen, to get the Ladies in a readiness, for that he was to bring a Guest in the Presence-chamber, and having notice that they were prepared, he took *Fortunatus* by the hand, who likewise desired that *Leopoldus* might go with him; which the King consenting to, they went all three together; and where, being come, the King sat down, and caused the Ladies to be brought before him, and placed in order according to their years, the eldest being named, *Germania*, the next *Marcepia*, and the youngest *Cassandra*.

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How Fortunatus, having his choice of the Lord Nemina's three Daughters, chose the Youngest, whose Name was Cassandra, to whom he was married in the presence of the King and Queen of Cyprus.

THe Ladies being placed in order, the King demanded of the eldest, Whether she had rather continue at Court, and be one of the Queen's Maids of Honour, or with her Father and Mother? To which, with a modest deportment, she answered,

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That, may it please my Sovereign Lord the King, it is not seemly that I should dispose of myself, but rather that I submit to what your Majesty, or my Father shall think most convenient. Then said the King to the next, Tell me *Marcepia*, which from your heart,



you love best, the Earl your Father, or the Countess your Mother? To which she replied, That is a hard question, and therefore I must humbly beg your Majesty's pardon to excuse me, if I answer not directly to this point, because I love them both so well, I know not how to incline to either hand, and therefore must be silent as to my report in that affair. Then the King said, *Cassandra*, prithee tell me, should your Father and Mother be here, and several young Nobles

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Nobles were dancing, and if your Mother should bid you dance, and your Father forbid the same, which would you choose to obey? Indeed my gracious Sovereign, said she, that question is unanswerable, especially upon such short Warning, and by one whose tender years are not capable of discerning things as they are, for should I obey one, I would disobey the other, and on either hand prove disobedient. The King having asked them thus far, ordered them to withdraw, and then he asked *Fortunatus*, which he best approved of? Truly, my gracious Lord, I like them all so well, that on a sudden the choice is difficult, therefore if your Majesty will permit me to retire for an hour's space, to consult with my Friend about the matter, I will return your Majesty an account of my choice. Which the King consented to, and thereupon they retired into the With-drawing-room, where *Fortunatus* asked *Leopoldus* what he thought and how he would advise him to make his choice? But *Leopoldus* declined it, saying, In matters of Love there can be no direct choice made, but by the party who is to enjoy the Lady: For, says he, what may seem most beautiful to me, may in your Opinion seem otherwise, and therefore pray excuse me in this particular. But when *Fortunatus* urged it, he said, *Well*, seeing you will have it so, do you sit at one

end of the Table, and I will sit at the other, and there we will write the name of her, whom we best like; you, as you think fit, and I according to my opinion. This pleased *Fortunatus* well, and when they had both written, they compared the names, and they were one and the same; so that *Fortunatus* sweetly rejoiced that *Leopoldus* had approved of his choice: and then went he joyfully to the King, and told him he had chose *Cassandra*; whereupon the King order'd her to be brought, and sending for his Chaplain instantly, caused them to be married, though to the no little surprize of the Lady, who was not above fourteen years of Age, and the rather, by reason her Parents were absent at the Wedding. After the celebration of the marriage, *Fortunatus* and his Bride were joyned by the King, Queen and Nobles, but the Sisters of *Cassandra* wept for madness that their youngest Sister should be chosen and they neglected; which *Fortunatus* perceiving, he comforted them in the best manner, and sent for his Casket of Jewels which he had purchased at *Venice*; and after having presented the fairest to the Queen, he bestowed the rest upon his Bride and her Sisters, as likewise the Ladies and Maids of Honour, he also sent *Leopoldus* with a present of a thousand crowns to the Countess of *Nemina*, as also to desire the Earl to repair to Court. The Coun-

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Countess, when she understood he had chosen her youngest Daughter, who she intirely loved, was somewhat displeased, but dissembling the matter, she, and the Earl came to court in the most splendid manner they could, and at their arrival, were welcomed by the King and Queen, and all the Nobility, and likewise by *Fortunatus*, who bestowed richer presents on them than before, which quite dissolved the Countess's displeasure, insomuch that they thanked God and the King that they had provided her Daughter so brave and rich a Husband, especially when she perceived how highly *Fortunatus* was in the King's Favour. Then said the King, *I think it convenient, that the Wedding-feast be kept in our Palace.* Nay, said *Fortunatus*, *I beseech your Majesty, let it be at my own House in Famogosta.* It would content me, said the King, that it should be there, were it not for the excessive charge it would put you to. No matter for that, said *Fortunatus*, for there is nothing that can be had in all the Isle of Cyprns, but it shall be there at your Majesty's Service; and if it shall please your Majesty to ordain tilts and turnaments, I shall be exceeding glad, that I may prove my self a Man before your Majesty. To all this the King consented, and ordered his Nobles to be ready within two Days to depart for *Famogosta*, as likewise the Ladies that waited upon the Queen, and o-

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thers; and for that Day the Bridegroom
and Bride dined privately with the King
and Queen.

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*How Fortunatus and his Bride were accom-
panied by the King and Queen to Famogosta
and what happened there during the Wedding-
feast.*



Fortunatus having the King's Consent to
go with him to *Famogosta*, sent *Leopel-
dus*, with two thousand Crowns, to buy
provision for the entertainment; who so
well managed the matter, that at the
Kings arrival all things were in a readiness;
there was he met in the great court by all
manner of Musicians playing melodiously,
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and entering the hall, presented with gorgeous sights; brave dancing and odoriferous smell, the Cieling being frosted with silver shells, wrought in the curiousest manner, and the sides of Cedar, gilt with Gold, as likewise several Lamps of silver, burning spiced Oyl, that cast a fragrant Smell. When the Table was spread, the King, and all the Nobility wondred at the store, saying, That they had not seen the like in *Cyprus* before; and all that day continued they exceeding merry. But when night came, *Fortunatus* was desirous to go to bed with his Bride, for as yet he had not bedded her; whereupon the King, Queen, Lords and Ladies accompanied them to their Chamber, and there used such diversion as is usual upon the Wedding-night, which made the young Bride blush; but they retiring, left her to the Embraces of *Fortunatus*. The Feast lasted fourteen days, and then urgent Business at Court calling the King away, he sent for *Fortunatus*, as likewise the Earl his Father-in-law, and the Countess, and gave them all thanks for his entertriment, but the Countess appearing somewhat melancholy, the King asked the cause, whenas she told him, That she feared her Son-in-law would soon waste all he had, so that her Daughter should be reduced to poverty; therefore she should not be content, unless he would settle some Dowry in land upon

on her. To which *Fortunatus* replied, That he confessed his Lands were small, but as for ready mony, I will give her eight thousand duckets into my Father-in-law's hands to dispose of as he shall think fit, for the good of my Wife. Which the King no sooner heard, but he said unto them, *It is very opportunely hit : for, said he, the Earl of Litgorn is about to sell a Lordship, with a Castle and other Appurtenances, being necessitated for ready Mony, and if you think good, I will send for him :* To this they all agreed, and when the Earl was come, the King acquainted him with the matter ; upon which, to the great content of all Parties, a bargain was driven, the Earl of *Litgorn*, in lieu of seven thousand Duckets delivering up his Title to the said Lordship, with the Government of the Village to *Fortunatus* ; who delivered the Charge of it to his Father-in-law, for the use of *Cassandra*, which pleased the Countess beyond Measure.

C H A P. XVIII.

How after the Departure of the King, Queen and Nobility, Fortunatus ordained a Feast for all the chief Citizens.

During the King's stay, *Fortunatus* set up three Jewels of great Price; the first the Nobility tilted for, he that did best, being to possess the same: the second was provided for the Esquires and Gentlemen: the third for the Citizens, Yeomen and Servants, which caused them to just for nine days, which pastime exceedingly pleased the King and all present. Now the time came, that at the end of fourteen days, the King and Queen, with the rest of the Nobility would depart, *Fortunatus* with all his Attendants accompanied them ten miles onward of their Way, and then the King desiring him to return, he came back to Bride: and calling his Servants together, gave order, that within two days they should provide another Feast for the Citizens and Gentlemen thereabouts: which was accordingly done, it holding four days with great plenty of Mirth. The Feast ended, *Fortunatus* taking *Leopoldus* aside, said, *Forasmuch as thou hast faithfully served me hitherto, I will now propose to thee three things, take thy choice of either? First, if thou art minded to return into Ireland, I will give you*
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four Servants to attend thee, and as much money as shall maintain thee during Life. Secondly If thou wilt live in the house with me (for I not now mindful of Travel) I will maintain thee to thy hearts content. Thirdly, If it shall otherways like thee, I will give thee a house in this City, and maintain Servants to wait on thee, and thou shalt want nothing during Life. For these kind offers *Leopoldus* greatly thanked him, saying, I am unworthy of them; as for the first, I being now spent with age and travel, by reason of the tediousness of the Way, shall hardly get thither: and for the second, seeing you have a fair Lady to accompany you, and many Servants, my being in the house will be needless: therefore if it should please you, I will embrace the latter. With which *Fortunatus* was content, and bought him a house, provided him Servants, and all necessaries, allowing him twenty Duckets a Week: Then *Leopoldus* prayed, that he might be still be of his Counsel in all weighry Affairs, and that he would not suffer his Love towards him to decay, which he solemnly swore to observe. In a while after *Leopoldus* sent into *Ireland* for his Wife and Children, acquainting them by Letters of the prosperous condition we was in, and wished them to sell off what they had, and come to him, but before their arrival, he by reason of a grievous Sickness, died, to
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the great grief of *Fortunatus* and his Lady, who caused him to be buried in a fair tomb in the Chancel of the Church which he had built; and upon the arrival of *Leopoldus* his Wife and Children, he entertained them in the best manner, and placing them in the house he had given to *Leopoldus*, and there maintaining them so long as they lived.

C H A P. XIX.

How fair Cassandra was brought to Bed of two fair Sons, whom Fortunatus caused to be baptized, and named the elder Ampedo, and the younger Andolocia.

NOW *Fortunatus* being in the height of Joy, daily solacing with his fair Bride the beautiful *Cassandra*, he wanted nothing but Children: the dearest Pledges of mutual Love, for which he often prayed, causing the Priests to pray; till at last God heard him, and the tender Bride grew big with her first Son, which was afterwards christned with great Solemnity, and called *Ampedo*: Scarce had they made an end of rejoicing for this Son, before the teeming Lady perceiv'd herself quick with another Child, which proved a Son also, and was named *Andolocia*, this brought a double Joy, and the rather because *Fortunatus* remembered the words of *Dame Fortune*, which

Were;

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were, ' That if he had no Issue, the Vertue
' of his Purse should fail with his Life. But
Cassandra knew not of this, nor of the
Purse, *Fortunatus* not thinking it conveni-
ent to trust a Woman with so weighty a se-
cret. After they came to years of Maturi-
ty, he caused them to be brought up in
Learning, provided for them the ablest Tu-
tors he could get: as likewise to fence, just,
play upon Musick, and all other Arts and
Sciences that belonged to a compleat Gen-
tleman: for these were all the Children he
was likely to have by the fair *Cassandra*.

C H A P. XX.

*How Fortunatus, sixteen Years after Mar-
riage, prevailed with his Wife to Travel a-
gain, and what befel him during his being
abroad, &c.*

WHen *Fortunatus* had lived with his wife
about sixteen years, he began to
think of his former Travels, considering
that for the most part they had been in *Eu-
rope*: whereupon he had been long deprived
of seeing such strange Rarities as other
Countries in *Asia* did produce: he there-
upon resolved to travel once again, but durst
not, for a long time, disclose his Mind to
his Wife, for fear of driving her into a fit
of Melancholly: but, at last, as he was
walking with her in the Garden, he began

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to discourse her about his former Travels, and at last told her, That seeing it was not likely that he should have any more Children, he was purposed to see the *Indies*, *Egypt*, and *Palestina*, for that he had already travelled over half the World. This drew Tears from the fair *Cassandra*, who, with tender Embraces, weeping, with many Intreaties, besought him out of Love to her and her Children, and by all the mutual ties of their conjugal Love, not to leave her, for in his absence her Life altogether comfortless. Then he comforted her, telling her he would make but a short stay of it, reckoning to return within a year, but this nothing pacified the disconsolate Lady, who demanded of him, in what she had offended, that he, who was the Joy of her Life, would leave her? and that if she had transgressed in ought, she would double her obedience for the future. To which he answered, That she never offended him, but that he loved her as dear as his Life, yet he was resolved to go, and nothing but Sickness or Death should hinder him. Then she desired him, if he would needs go, that he should travel into a Christian Country, and not expose his Life to the cruelty of Heathens, who most of all envy Christians, and seek their Blood: to which he replied, That he had seen all the Christian Countries already, and that now he resolved to see

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See both the *Indies*, and the places he had before-named. But when she perceived she should not prevail with him, neither by tears nor intreaty, she fell down in a swoon, which moved *Fortunatus* to compassion, when coming to herself, she sighed bitterly, saying, *O what have I done, that I must lose the Joy of my Life so soon?* Then she sent to her Father and Mother to come and intreat him to stay, but they prevailed not: So that when she saw there was no way to prevail, and that he had made a Vow to depart, she began a little to be contented, and upon his Promise of a quick Return, unwillingly yielded; when as *Fortunatus*, leaving her ten thousand Crowns, provided himself a ship, and with his purse, went on Board, only accompanied with two Servants.

C H A P. XXI.

How Fortunatus set sail for Cyprus, and travelled into many strange Countries, and of the Adventures he met withal.

F*ortunatus* having hired skilful Mariners, he commanded to loose their anchor and sail for *Alexandria*, a City in *Aegypt*, where in short time, having a prosperous Wind, they arrived, when coming into the Port, the Soldan's Officer demanded who was the Master of the Ship? To which the

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the Mariners answered, *One Fortunatus, a Noble-man of the Isle of Cyprus.* Then they said, *He must appear before the Soldan, and make his Present ; which was the Custom of them that came into that Port.* *Fortunatus*



hearing this, took with him several rich Jewels, and so went to the Soldan's Court, being conducted thither by the Guards, that usually wait upon the Sea coast on the like occasion ; where when he was arrived, he ordered them to set a fair Table, which being done accordingly, he set many fair Jewels thereon, but had scarce time to place them before the Soldan came attended with his Nobles, and a great Guard, and perceiving the Jewels, he supposed they were set for Sale, and thereupon began to enquire

enquire their price; upon which *Fortunatus* demanded whether he liked them; to which the Soldan replied, *Very Well*; forasmuch as they were the fairest that he had seen. Then said *Fortunatus*, *They are at your Highness's Service, take them and dispose of them as you please.* When the Soldan heard him say so, he marvelled greatly that one Merchant should make a Present richer than any twenty formerly had done, the Jewels not being esteemed less worth than five thousand Crowns, yet he accepted them, and promised *Fortunatus* that they should not be given in vain, and was as good as his Word, for he sent him the next Day three carts laden with Pepper: This did not a little grieve the Merchants, who said amongst themselves, *We have made many Presents to the Soldan, but never received any Return; but we perceive this Upstart Merchant is greatly favoured.* Within a while after the Soldan sent to invite *Fortunatus* to Dinner, providing a very costly entertainment, and in a while after the Lord High Admiral invited him likewise, which greatly offended the Merchants, forasmuch as they had given him great Sums of Mony to turn *Fortunatus* out of favour with the Soldan; but *Fortunatus* being thereof advertised, out gave them, and by that, he ever had the Admiral on his side, so that he had the first choice of the richest Merchandize,

dize, which he ever bought. But now the time being come for the Ship's departure, he gave the Master of her order to sail to *Spain, Hollannd, England,* and other places and unlade the Merchandize, which for the most part consisted of Spices; and at the end of one year to return to *Alexandria* again, where he intended to be; but in the mean while he would travel into many Countries, and if they found him not there then they should conclude him dead, and carry back the Ship and Goods to *Cyprus*, and there deliver them up to the use of his Wife and Children. This they promised to do, and thereupon they departed, the Master to steer his Course, and *Fortunatus* to Travel.

C H A P. XXII.

How Fortunatus took his leave of the Soldan, and departed for India, and how he sped there, &c.

Fortunatus having procured Letters from the Soldan to many Kings and Princes through whose Countries he intended to travel, he departed with them joyfully, and taking ship he sailed into *Persia*, where after he had beheld the Splendor of the Emperor's Court, he departed to *Cathia*, where the Cham of *Tartaria* bears Rule; there he he likewise staid not long, by reason of the Bar;

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Babarity of the People who used Strangers very rudely, from thence he went through many Deserts full of wild Beasts, which put him often in peril of his Life; especially a Tyger which lay in ambush behind a tree, waiting for some Traveller, who, as soon as she espied *Fortunatus* coming, set up such a yelp as made the Forrest tremble, and thereupon came at him with an open mouth stretching out her dreadful paws to grasp him to her, which *Fortunatus* perceiving,



he drew his Sword, and stood upon his Guard, as also did his Men, and as the Tyger made at him, *Fortunatus*, with a full blow smote off one of her fore-legs, which yet enraged her the more, so that she came at him again, when he watching his Opportunity,

portunity, thrust his Sword down her Throat, and so reaching her Heart she fell down dead, then he exceedingly rejoiced, and travell'd on, where by the way he found the remains of dead Mens carcasses, which had been torn to pieces by the wild Beasts, and caused his Servants to cover them with earth: This Forrest was exceeding long, and therefore although they travelled Day and Night, it was two Days and two Nights e're they could pass it; then riding through many Cities, they came into *India*, or the Country of *Prestor John*, who is a mighty Monarch, and has under him sixty two Kings, being Lord of thirty Islands, besides what he possesses on Continent, or main Land: Here *Fortunatus* met with an old Hermit, who was travelling to the *Holy Land*, and gave him ten crowns to bear his charges; this Hermit conducted him and his Men the nearest way to the Court of the Emperor, and gave them an account of the customs of the Country, saying, That he had passed it many times, and that in his youth he had been a great Traveller. Then *Fortunatus* requested him to accompany him in his Travels, but he refused, saying, He was under a Vow to depart straightways to the *Holy Land*: and so, giving *Fortunatus* many Thanks for his bountifui Benevolence, he departed

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parted on his way, and *Fortunatus* rode to
the Emperor's Palace.

CHAP. XXIII.

How Fortunatus arrived at Prester John's Court, and was splendidly entertained; and how he met there with two Conjurers; and how they sent two Witches to steal away his Purse; with other strange Adventures.



WHen *Fortunatus* from the top of a hill
beheld the Palace which glittered
with Gold, so that by reason of the Refle-
ction of the Sun-beams, it shone like a co-
met, he greatly admired it, saying, That
since it was so fair without, it must needs
be very beautiful within; and so by noon
he approached it; at which time the Em-
peror

peror and his Lords were returned from hunting of wild Beasts, whereupon he had the Opportunity of seeing them clad in warlike habiliments, which was after so strange a manner, that he greatly wondered; when they were all entred, he came to the Porter, and demanded if he and his Companions might not be admitted to behold the Palace, and take a View of the Emperor's magnificent Entertainments, that so they might report to his Praise, when they returned into their own Country. The Porter seeing that they were Gentlemen and Strangers, freely admitted them; upon which *Fortunatus* gave him a ruby worth thirty crowns; then coming into the Emperor's presence, he signified to him, that he had some Presents for him, and thereupon drew forth his Jewels, which were very rich, for he always bought the fairest, which the Emperor accepting of, gave him many thanks, and ordered his chief Officer to feast them nobly, and to shew them all the Riches of his Palace, which were such as *Fortunatus* had never seen before, for the Walls, some were plated with Silver, wherein were engraven stories of Knights and Battles, with the valiant Atchievements of the former Emperors; others were hung with Panthers Skins, which cast a fragrant smell, the Pillars that supported the hall, they were of Cedar overlaid with

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 Gold, and imbossed with precious stones:
 This pleased *Fortunatus* so well, that he
 gave the Officer a Jewel worth a hundred
 Duckets. Now when Dinner time was
 come, *Fortunatus* and his Men were sat
 down with the chief Officers and Noble-
 men, for such is the custom of the Country,
 that none but the Princes of the Blood may
 dine with the Emperour. Now in the midst
 of their Mirth *Fortunatus* perceived the Bot-
 tles and Flaggons begin to dance upon the



Table, at which he began to wonder; when
 one that sat by him whisper'd him in the
 ear, and told him that was done by Magick,
 and that the Emperour kept two Necroman-
 cers to make pastime for Strangers; now
 after the Bottles had done dancing, there
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sprung up a Tree full of fair Oranges, which several Blacks came and plucked off, and then the Tree vanished, after that a large Stag came running in, and after him a pack of Hounds at full Cry, who taking a Course or two round the Hall, vanished, then several fair Women, in strange Attire came in playing upon Lutes, and after having danced a turn or two, vanished. At this *Fortunatus* was greatly amazed; but well considering with himself it was only a Delusion of the Devil's, and no real Substance, he rested the better content. Now when Dinner was ended, the Emperor sent for *Fortunatus* to ride a hunting with him, which he gladly did, and coming into a Forrest about six miles from the Palace, there they roused a Lyon who was sleeping in the thicket, who shook his brindle Mane, and roared so loud, that all the Forrest trembled; upon which the Dogs were uncoupled, of which he tore several in pieces, and fought against several of them for the space of an hour, when the *Indians* came running in with their Lances, and run him into the Body, so that he fell down dead; then took they off his Skin as a Trophy of Victory: After that, the Dogs found out a great wild Bear, upon which they fastned, notwithstanding he gored many of them with his horrid tusks, which were at least a Foot long, and then the Ja-

vellings being darted thick at him, he at last was killed, and his Head being cut off, was carried before the Emperor, with a Spear, as likewise the Lyon's Skin. By this time Sun was set, which made the Emperor hasten to his Palace, where at Supper-time, *Fortunatus* drew a great deal of Gold out of his Purse, and gave amongst such as attended at the Table, which the Necromancers perceiving, who were also sitting at the Table, they thought with themselves this Stranger must needs be exceeding rich, that can thus liberally dispence with his Money, therefore it will not be amiss, when he is in Bed, if we use our Art to get some of him: So that when all was done, and every one gone to their Chambers, they began to mutter over their Charms, and by that means raised their Familiars, commanding them to tell them who the Stranger was, and how he came by such quantities of Gold and Jewels, to which they replied, He was a Merchant of *Cyprus*, and had a secret Mine, which they were forbid to reveal, which could not be emptied during his Life, and thereupon they vanish'd. Now the Conjurers sent for their Wives, who had familiar Spirits likewise to attend on them, and could transform themselves, to Appearance, into any Shape, they being come, the Conjurers commanded them, in the Shapes of Monkies, to enter *Fortuna-*

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thus his Lodgings, and bring thence what Treasure they could find, the which they readily obeyed: When opening the casements, they entred, but by clapping them too and again, *Fortunatus* awoke, and supposing that they had been Thieves, drew his Sword, and striking at a venture, cut one of their four Feet off, whereupon they got out at the Window again, making such a lamentable Noise, as awaken'd a great many of those that lodged near; next Morning *Fortunatus* getting up, espied a Hand lying on the Ground, at which he was sore dismay'd, but as he went to take it up, it was snatch'd from him he knew not how, so that he never saw it after: Yet so it happened, that the next Day one of the Conjuror's Wives had lost her Hand, which occasion'd her Husband to fall out with his Fellow for putting her upon that Exploit; insomuch, that falling to Words, they both vowed Revenge one of the other; when as he that had his Wife hurt, taking his Opportunity when the other was leaning out at the Window, he fixed a great Pair of Stag's horns upon his Head, so that he could by no means draw it in, but was obliged to stay there till the charm was dissolved, which caused a great laughter to such as beheld it, but in him it caused a desperate Resolve of Revenge; so that one Day he having drawn the Figure

of a Man upon the Wall, with Small-coal, he compell'd his Adversary, notwithstanding all the Intreague he used, to stand up against it, to go to it, when immediately the Wall opened, and he sinking into it, was never heard of afterward. These Projects and hellish Arts so affrighted *Fortunatus*, that he having got together abundance of Merchandize, and the Emperor's Letter of free Traffick in such Countries as he came into, under his Jurisdiction, he took his Leave and departed, travelling towards *Jerusalem*; where he no sooner arrived, but he found an old Hermet, who shewed him the holy Sepulchre, the pieces of the Cross, the Apostle *St. James's* Tomb, and many other Relicks, which Pilgrims go thither to see; when he had view'd as much as he thought fit, he began to remember the Promise he had made to his Wife; and thereupon taking Leave of the old Man, he journied to *Alexandria*.

C H A P. XXI.

How Fortunatus was welcomed by the Soldan at his return to Alexandria, and what befel him during his stay.

F*ortunatus* being now within eight miles of *Alexandria*, he sent one of his Servants, to acquaint the Admiral of his Approach, and to desire the Soldan's Letters to

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to enter the City with his Camels; of which he had about twenty loaden with the Riches of *India*, having hired Natives of the Country to drive them, and to have the stronger Guard for fear of Robbers: When the Servants had done this Messuage, the Admiral ordered his Horses to be made ready, and rode to meet *Fortunatus*, who lovingly embraced him, and asked him how he had far'd during his travelling in strange Countries, whereupon *Fortunatus* told him what had happened from time to time: Then he conducted him to the Soldan, who was glad of his Return, and caused a Feast to be made for him, when within three Days after his coming thither, his Ship arrived from *Famogosta*, with Letters from *Cassandra*, who earnestly desired his Return; so that having put on board his Merchandize, he would have set sail; but going to take Leave of the Soldan, and to make him a Present, he would needs have him stay and dine with him, which he could not deny him; yet he sent one of his Servants to the Master of the Ship, to require him to be in a readiness to set sail; for that he intended, as soon as he had dined, to come on board: The Master was obedient, and put off the Vessel ready to sail, all her Anchors being weighed; yet the time of *Fortunatus's* coming was prolonged, by reason that the Soldan held him

In Discourse about his late Travels; the which *Fortunatus* was obliged to relate, thanking the Soldan for his Letters, by which means he told him he had found kind Reception in many Places, especially from the neighbouring Princes, who spake very well of him. Then would *Fortunatus* have taken his Leave, but the Soldan prevail'd with him to stay Supper also.

C H A P. XXV.

How Fortunatus, going with the Soldan into his Treasury to see his Jewels, understood the secret Vertue of his Wishing-hat; and how wishing himself on Ship-board, he was brought thither through the Air, and set sail for Cyprus, with the Wishing-hat.

F*ortunatus* being impatient of Delay, lest he should break his Promise with his Wife, after Supper was ended, drew out a great deal of Gold, and bestowed it freely upon the Servants, and again demanded leave to depart: But the Soldan seeing his infinite Riches, thought, that unless he shewed him his, he might boast in his own Country that he had the greater Wealth; whereupon he desired him to follow him, and so led him into his Treasury, which was all hung with cloath of Tinsey, and the Tables spread with Jewels, Rings, and Vessels of Gold and Silver, Gold chains
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and huge Pearls; with many other things of great price, which *Fortunatus* had never seen the like before: Then he had him into another Room; where he shewed him an infinite Mass of Money; *And now, says he, I have one thing more, that I esteem above all that you have yet beheld: This made Fortunatus wonder, for thought he, it must be of an inestimable Price, if it exceeded what I have seen already, and thereupon he grew impatient to have a View of it: When as the Soldan taking him by the Hand, led him into another Chamber; and there taking down an old Hat, said, This is the Jewel; at which Fortunatus smiled, telling him, That was an old Hat, and might be bought for a small matter: Yes, said the Soldan, If it was only a Hat, it was of no Value: but there is such a Secret retained in it that for all the Hats in the World, I would not lose it: Nay, should I lose all my Jewels, I could purchase more. but should I lose this Hat, such another the World affords not. Then was Fortunatus desirous to know the Secret it retained; then said the Soldan, Since you are my Friend, I will impart it to you; which is this, that having this Hat on, where-ever you wish yourself to be, thither you shall be conveyed almost as swift as can be thought: So that when my Nobles are gone a hunting, it is but wishing my self with them, and I am there: when my Arms are abroad, I can be with them, and in*

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my Palace, almost in a Moment : as likewise upon any Occasion, 'tis but putting this Hat on and I can be carried into any Country with a Wish, and so back again. At this strange Report, Fortunatus stood amazed, but yet secretly pondered with himself, that if it were true the Soldan said, he would by any means possess it, if he might, for thought he, my Purse and that Hat are enough for the richest Emperor in the World : And thereupon he asked the Soldan, by reason of the qualities it retained, whether it were



not heavier than any other Hat; No, said the Soldan, *but rather lighter than any other, therefore for your Satisfaction, try it on your head.* This was what *Fortunatus* wish'd for, which made him that he could scarce for-
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bear smiling; saying, *I thought it had been much heavier*; and withal, that he did not think that the Soldan knowing the Vertue on't, would be so unadvised as to trust him with it; and thereupon stepping to the Window, he wished himself on board his Ship; and thereupon, before the Soldan could stop him, he flew out at the Window and was in his Ship in a Moment, then commanding the Marriners to clap up all their Sails, they steered their Course before the Wind with such speed, that although the Soldan cummanded his Gally, that lay in the Port to make after them, they could not come near *Fortunatus*, upon which the Soldan was yet the more intraged, swearing by his Gods, that if he could take him he would put him to the cruellest Death that ever Man died; but the Merchants that usually traded there greatly rejoyced when they heard what was done, though they durst not shew it openly: For, said they, *now this Interloper will come no more amongst us to spoil our Traffick.* The Soldan being greatly perplexed in his Mind for the Los of his Hat, was resolved to send after *Fortunatus* into *Cyprus*, there to make him large Offers, if he would either send or bring it; whereupon he sent for *Marcho-landus*, a *Venetian*, that served under him, and acquainted him with what had passed, and willed him to take one of his best Ships
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and follow *Fortunatus* into *Cyprus*; and first
persuade him by Intreaty and Promises to
restore the Hat, and if that would not do,
to complain of his Treachery to the King
of the Island, and if he refused to do
Justice, to denounce a War against him;
this the *Venetian* gladly undertook as well
knowing, if he could recover the Hat, the
Soldan would greatly favour and reward
him; and so having all things in a Readiness,
he set sail.

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How the Soldan's Ambassador came after Fortunatus to Cyprus, for the Wishing hat; and how he complained to the King, but was sent away without it.

Fortunatus, after two Months departure
from *Alexandria*, arrived at *Cyprus*,
where he was joyfully met by a great number
of the Nobility, and conducted to the
King's Presence, who welcom'd him home,
and asked him of his Travels, the which
he at large related, and then taking his
leave, put on his Wishing-hat, and going
without the City, wished himself at his
own House, and was there in a trice, when
coming in, he met *Cassandra*, who run to
him, and clasping him in her Arms, could
not speak to him a good while for Joy; then
he having saluted his Sons and Servants,
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he commanded Meat to be set before him ; and the next Day invited a great Number of his Neighbours to dine with him, whom he feasted after the best manner. Now when he had been but 8 days at home, on the tenth of his Arrival in the Island, *Marcholandus*, who was sent by the Soldan, came to his House, and desired to speak with him : who coming to him, he desired that they might be in private : Whereupon *Fortunatus* took him by the Hand, and led him into the Dining-room, and then willed him to declare his Business ; whereupon he delivered him the Soldan's Letter, and therewithal informed him how ungrateful he had been, in taking away the Hat, yet the Soldan would forget it all, and highly reward him, if he would restore it : *I must confess*, said *Fortunatus*, *the Soldan has cause to be offended : But let him thank his own Folly in putting it upon my Head, I knew not the Vertue of it before he declared it ; and therefore since I ran the Hazard of drowning, by flying on Ship-board with it, I am in the mind never to part with it.* Then *Marcholandus* told him what Offers the Soldan had made him, if he would restore it : and therefore out of all Love, desired him to let him carry it with him, or that he would carry it himself : But *Fortunatus* told him he would not part with it for the Soldan's Kingdom, and therefore willed him to cease his Suit,
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Upon this, *Marcholandus* growing impatient, began to threaten him, saying, That he would complain to the King, and if no Redress could be had there, the Soldan will right himself by Arms: At which *Fortunatus* smiling, bid him do as he pleased, and thereupon *Marcholandus* departed to the Court, where, procuring to be admitted to the King's Presence, he grievously complain'd of *Fortunatus*, telling all that had happened concerning the Hat, and desired his Majesty to use his Prerogative Royal in compelling him to restore it; but, the King said, *Fortunatus is my dear Friend, and I will not in anywise use Compulsion towards him. but if he will deliver it up of his own accord, well and good, but if not, the Law is open, and you must take your regular Course.* But *Marcholandus* well knew that *Fortunatus* was too powerful in his own Country, for a Stranger to wage Law against him, whereupon he told the King, That upon the Refusal of delivering the Hat, he had a Commission to denounce War: *Even as you please for that, said the King; and tell the Soldan, That although I esteem his Friendship, yet I fear not his Anger, but shall defend myself as well as I can.* Upon this *Marcholandus* returned very heavy, and told the Soldan all that had passed. who thereupon conceived such an inward Grief for the Loss of his Hat, that in a short time he died.

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How Fortunatus, finding himself in a declining Condition, prepared himself for another World, &c.

Fortunatus being now about sixty years of Age, began to bethink himself that his thread of Life was almost at an end, and thereupon he resolved to prepare himself for a future state; greatly lamenting the loss of so much precious time as he had spent in frivolous and vain Trifles, wishing that he had chosen Wisdom rather than Riches: For, said he, they are cumbersome and full of Danger. How often have they destroyed both Soul and Body? And what wickedness is there in the World that will not be done for Money? What horrid Blood-shed, Massacres, and Civil Wars does it stir up? Well, I must confess, for the greatest part of my Life I have had exceeding Plenty, but have not lived so free and truly merry, as when I had nothing but what I worked for: How often has my Life been endangered by reason of my Purse? Nay, past doubt, I had been murdered long since for it, had any known its Vertue; but now I will earnestly repent me of my former Folly; and upon that he let fall many Tears: At which Instant, Cassandra coming in, demanded the Cause of his Heaviness, to whom he imparted it without Dissimulation; and she

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on the other hand strove to comfort him:
but at last his Melancholly drew him in-
to a Consumption, which soon occasioned
his Death, as shall in the next Chapter be
shown.

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*How Fortunatus falling sick, made his Will,
and declared to his Sons the Vertue of his
Purse and the Hat, with a Command not to
disclose them to any, as likewise of his
Death.*



FORTUNATUS being sick unto Death, and
perceiving his End to be nigh, called
his Sons to him, and blessed them, bidding
them to live lovingly and peaceably toge-
ther: and that he would leave them a suf-
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sufficient Competence to maintain them both in a most splendid Condition : But, said he, it is such a Secret, as will lose its Vertue, if once discovered ; therefore take my Counsel in all Points, and so you prosper, or otherwise you'll be in perpetual Danger ; for seldom is it seen, that disobedient Children prosper. When he had said thus much, he called for his Purse and Hat,, and he advertised them of the Secrets they contained, saying, No Mortal ever yet knew the Vertue of the Purse, myself excepted. But as for the hat, said he, I got it from the Soldan of Babylon, who offered me many rich Presents for to have it again, he esteeming it more worth than his inestimable Treasure ; therefore as you tender the enjoying of them, do not any wise disclose the secret Vertue of either of them, lest in so doing, you either lose them, or your Lives. And farther, he advised them not to part the Jewels, but to live together lovingly : and when he had so said, he cryed with a loud Voice, Lord, receive my Spirit, and so yielded up the Ghost : after which, his Sons and his Wife made great Lamentation, for him, and caused him to be buried in the Chancel, near his Father and Mother in a new tomb, which he had caused to be built in his Life-time. About a Month after, Cassandra, for the exceeding Sorrow she conceived at his Death, fell into a violent Feaver, and died likewise ; and was by her

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her Sons buried in the same Sepulchre with her Husband, and the Sons caused the following Epitaph to be set on their Tomb.

Here Fortunatus lies with his kind Wife,
Who from a poor State, reach'd a glorious Life :
Fortune befriended him, a Purse she gave,
That Monoy he when e're he would might have ;
A Wishing-hat he had, that would transport
Him where he wish'd to be in wondrous sort.
These were the Comforts of his Days, till Death
Laid him thus low, by ceasing of his Breath :
Yet to uphold his Memory, you'll find
He left two Sons as famous still behind ;
To whom he did bequeash his Purse and Hat,
Which in the end brought on them a sad Fate,
And from this World their better Part made fly,
To find their Father in the starry Sky.



The End of the First Part.

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OF
FORTUNATUS'S

Two SONS,
Ampedo and Andolocia.

The Second Part.

CHAP. I.

How Andolocia went with the Purse into the French Court, and what Entertainment he found there.

NOW after the Days of Mourning were over, *Andolocia*, *Fortunatus* his youngest Son, being inflamed with a Desire to Travel, upon reading what

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 what Adventures his Father had met with
 in several strange Countries, he thus bespake
 his Brother, *Dear Brother, since we are both*
in our Youth and Strength, it's not fit that we
should spend our Time in idleness; therefore let
us travel and see strange Countries. But
 this nothing liked *Ampedo*, the eldest,
 who was given rather to the rest of a quiet
 Life; whereupon he answered, *Dear Bro-*
ther, if you are minded to travel you may, but
as for me, I'll stay in this Palace, and spend
my Days in my own Country. Then said *An-*
dolocia, *Let us part the Jewels, give me*
my Portion, and let me be gone. Not so, said
Ampedo, *know you not that it was our Father's*



strict Command when he died, that we should
not part with them. No matter for that, said
Ando-

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Andolocia, now he is dead, he will never repine at what we do. Then said Ampedo, Take your hat, and be packing. No, said Andolocia, I will have the Purse, if any. Upon this there arose a hot Dispute between them; till Andolocia said, If you needs will have Money, fill two Coffers out of the Purse, and take the hat and the rest of the jewels, with free Possession of all the houses and palaces, and give me the Purse only, and at six years end I will return, and deliver it you again. To this Ampedo consented, lest in the heat of the quarrel, the secrets of the purse should be revealed; and so the difference between them was ended.

Andolocia, having got the purse, departed joyfully; and after having passed thro' many Countries, at last he came into France, when, repairing to Paris, the chief City, he went to view the Splendor of the King's Court; where attiring himself with the Nobility and Gentry, spending even to Admiration; for such was his Liberality, that he exceeded most of the Nobility and kept such stately Entertainment, and such costly Garbs as the Country did afford: but long he had not staid there, before Jufts was ordained, and a Challenge made by certain Noble Personages against any that durst encounter them: Upon which Andolocia prepared for the Combat, and unhorsed three Earls one after another; of which

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 which the King took great Notice, and ordered that he should be entertained in



his Palace : When Night came, the Ladies and Gentlemen were disposed to dance; amongst which, the King would have *Andolucia* make one, where he so well behaved himself, that all the Eyes of the Ladies were upon him ; and from that time forth, they highly esteemed him; and he by often conversing with them, at last fell deep in Love with one of them, who was a beautiful Lady, and Wife to a Courtier of *Andolucia's* acquaintance; and so passionate he was, that finding a fit Opportunity, he told her his Desire, saying, *If you will consent to lie with me one Night, I will you a thousand Crowns.* But she being a vertuous Lady refused



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fufed his Proffer, and acquainted her Hus-
 band what *Andolocia* had offer'd; who con-
 sidering what a great Help a thousand
 Crowns would be to him in his Necessity,
 yet was very loath to be a Cuckold; so
 that casting about, they at last agreed to a
 Neighbour of theirs to supply her room, and
 so to deceive him in his Expectation; this
 liked them both very well; whereupon
 when *Andolocia* importun'd her again, she
 gave him Hopes, telling him that such an
 Evening her Husband would be abroad
 abroad about earnest Business: and then if
 he would come and bring with him the Mo-
 ny, he should be entertained to his Wish:
 This rejoyced not *Andolocia* not a little,
 who thought every Day a Year till the hap-
 py Hour was come. Now in the mean
 time, she went to her Neighbour and told
 her, she should have a hundred Crowns if
 she would but prostitute her Body to a
 Gentleman in her stead, so that it might not
 be discerned; For, said she, *I would willing-
 ly do it, but that my Husband so narrowly watch-
 es me that I have no Opportunity.* To this
 her Neighbour freely consented, without
 any Scruple of Conscience, as being used
 to the Trade; and so at the Time appoint-
 ed *Andolocia* came and brought the Mony,
 which the Lady took; then bidding him sit
 down, she conveyed her Neighbour in at
 the back door, and put her into her own
 Bed :

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Bed: and when it was dark, *Andolucia* was, by the Chamber-maid, whom he bribed with twenty Crowns, led to the Bed, and there pulling off his Cloaths, in he went, and embraced the Gentlewoman with abundance of kindness, sporting it by times till it was almost Day; when as his Bed-fellow would have risen, but he would not suffer her: so that she knowing when light appeared, she should be discovered, for fear, freely confessed the whole matter; But which greatly grieved him that he had been so deceived, for instead of a beautiful Gentlewoman whom he thought he had in Bed with him, he had embraced a common Strumpet; yet dissembling the Matter as well as he could, gave the Baggage a hundred Crowns, telling her what he had given the Gentlewoman before; and ordered her, as soon as he was departed the City, to sue for them, seeing the Gentlewoman had not performed her Promise; which she, being armed with Impudence, did accordingly, and put the Lady to great Shame and Disgrace.

CHAP

C H A P. II.

How Andolocia went to the King of Spain's Court, and of the noble Entertainment he received there, and what Achievements he made.

ANDOLOCIA having had this Female-cheat put upon him, resolved to stay no longer in the *French Court*, lest it should be noised abroad to his Disgrace; but immediately taking Horse, he rode with his Servants to *Navar*, from thence to *Arragon*, and so to the *Spanish Court*, which in those Days greatly flourished; where, for the better entertainment, put he himself in a *Spanish Garb*, for such is the Humour of that Nation, that they will, by their good Wills, suit themselves with none but such as comply with their Fashion. At that time there were Wars with *Portugal*, so that *Andolocia* raising a hundred Men, payed them himself, and rid at the Head of them in the King's Service; where by his Valour and undaunted Courage, he got himself great Praise, insomuch that the King taking notice of it, not only knighted him, but likewise bestowed many rich Presents on him, and proffered to marry him to the Daughter of an Earl; with whom, after her Father's Decease, he should have

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the Earldom: But *Andolucia* humbly thank-
ed his Majesty, saying, that he was not



disposed to marry, for that he was resolved
to see many Countries, Within a while
after the Wars ceasing, *Andolucia* dismissed
his Soldiers, and took leave of the King,
who was very loath to part with him;
yet, *Andolucia* urging him, he bid him fare-
wel, and whenever he came into *Spain* a-
gain, to make use of his Court, as freely
as if it were his own. After he had left the
King, he took shipping and sailed for *En-
gland*, when coming up the River of *Thames*,
he landed at the Tower of *London*, and
much admired the strong and stately build-
ing; when coming to the Court, and ha-
ving taken a View of the same, he searched
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for a stately House as near to it as possible ; which he having found, furnished it after the best manner, and retained many Men and Maid servants, keeping a very plentiful Table, insomuch that a great many of the Courtiers resorted daily thither, and were by him feasted ; of which the King hearing, he sent for him, and asked him what he was ; who accordingly told him ; then said the King, *Will you be content to have a Command under me in the Wars against the Scots ?* Yes, with a very good Will, said *Andolocia* ; and will raise and maintain a hundred Men at my proper Cost and Charges. At this the King was greatly pleased, and made him a Captain, so that going against the Enemy, he fought so manfully that he broke their Ranks, and greatly disordered them, insomuch that fresh Forces coming on, they soon put them to the Rout, and although many did bravely that Day, yet *Andolocia* did best, which still the more in-dear'd the King to him.

CHAP. III.

How Andolocia being at Dinner with the King, fell in Love with Agrippina the Princess, and what happened after.



Andolocia was no sooner returned from the Wars, but the King sent his Steward to invite him to Dinner; as likewise several of the chief Commanders were present, many Ladies and Gentlewomen, and amongst the rest, the Princess *Agrippina*, who, for Beauty, surpassed all her Sex: on her *Andolocia* fixing his Eyes, so surfeited on her beauty, that he could neither eat nor drink to any purpose, but still kept his eyes fixt on her; and wished that he was a Prince

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Prince for her 'sake, *Thongb*, said he, *I am as well able to keep her, as ever a Prince in Christendom*; yet, *I not being of Royal Blood, it will be but in vain for me to flatter my self into a Belief, that she will condescend to my Request, should I ask her*; yet, 'tis but trying. And from that time forth *Andolocia* attired him in Purple and Gold, and would ever be the foremost in the Tilts and Justs that were to be before the King, Queen, and Princess, where he won great Applause; after which, taking his Opportunity, he invited the Queen, and the Princess to Dinner, and so splendidly entertained them, that they had not beheld the like in the King's Palace; and, at their Departure, gave each of them a rich Jewel, which they very readily accepted. At *Andolocia's* next coming to Court, the King met him, and told him, That he heard how he had entertained the Queen and Princess to their Content; saying, If he had but known of his Feast, he would have been there in Person; whereupon *Andolocia* excused himself, saying, he durst not presume so high as to invite his Majesty; but that if he would so far honour him with his presence, he should be infinitely obliged to him for so great a favour. To this the King consented, and appointed the next Day to come; whereupon *Andolocia* provided a more costly Entertainment than before; insomuch that the King marvelled

how he could live at that rate: Several fires he made of Cedar, and Spices, which cast a fragrant smell, so that the King, and several of his Nobles sat down and were exceeding merry, continuing there till Evening, and then departed: At whose Departure, *Andolocia* gave Money among the Guards, and humbly thanked the King for the Honour he had done him. When the King came to the Court, he told the Queen and Princess how bravely he had been entertained: and that he did not a little wonder how *Andolocia*, having neither Lands nor Subjects to appearance, could spend so liberally: therefore he said, *I believe, he must be some Priest in Disguise. Truly, said the Queen, I can but wonder as well as you, and have had a longing Mind to know how he comes by so much Money; and of late I have bethought myself of the Means; he has, for some time past, professed great Love to our Daughter, the which by many Symptoms, I well perceive is unfeigned, wherefore I intend to advertise her of my purpose, and if she shew him but a little Kindness, I know he will not deny her anything.* This well pleased the King, and thereupon he ordered *Agrippina* to search out the Matter: who promised to do her utmost therein.

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How the Princess Agrippina came to know the Secret of the Purse. and how she deceiv'd Andolocia of the same.



THe next Morning *Andolocia*, coming to the Court, was admitted into *Agrippina's* Chamber, a Favour that he never before enjoyed ; at which he exceedingly rejoiced, thinking with himself, that this was a happy Opportunity, and prosperous, he had not long been there before the Princess came, and with a merry Countenance, wished him a good morning, at which he humbly thanked her Grace, and then caused him to sit down by her, and fell into Discourse about divers Affairs, as of his Travels Birth, and Parentage, so that in such like Discourses

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they spent much time ; then began *Andolucia* to express the Passion he had for her, and that how for her sake, he would adventure any hazard ; *Alas*, said she, *I am not at my own dispose ; for if I were, your estate would soon decrease at the rate you live, and then I should come to Poverty. Fear not that, my Love, and dearest Part of my Life, my Estate can never grow less than it is, alibough I should spend a Million a Week.* Then belike, said *Agrippina*, your Father is some puissant Prince. Not so, said *Andolucia*, my Father is dead, nor was he, neither am I, a Prince ; his Riches and mine were equal ; and tho' we have both spent to excess, yet have we never the less. This made *Agrippina* wonder, and therefore she was the more desirous to know whence this infinite Treasure should flow, and began to shew better Countenance than ever, saying, You have often told me you loved me, *Andolucia*. And in that, said he, I have not said amiss ; for I protest, by all that's sacred, I admire and adore you above all Womenkind, esteeming you, as indeed you are, the Fairest of your Sex ; many Ladies have I seen in foreign Courts, but your bright Perfections as far excels them all, as the Sun doth the paler Lustre of the Moon ; therefore vouchsafe, dear Lady, to cure the Wounds you have made, and pardon my Boldness. Then said *Agrippina*, if it be true, that you love me as you say pray tell me from whence you have such abundance of Treasure ? In which, when I am better satisfied, you may expect my Favour, but not till then. At this *Andolucia* was almost extasied, being drunk with Love, and doating upon her Beauty, he was resolved to satisfy her Desire, and thus began : Madam, could you but keep it secret, I would lay open to you all the secrets of my Soul, and unfold what my dying Father charged me not to do, tho' at this Instant his Ghost should rise and blast me. Nay, said *Agrippina*, if you loved me, you would not doubt my keeping your Secrets, but your scrupling my Fidelity, shews you love me not. By Heaven, said *Andolucia*, I do, and will reveal the Secret. And thereupon, in an unlucky Hour, he drew

drew out his Purse, saying, *Here is my Exchequer, which can never be emptied*; and thereupon he pulled out three hundred pieces of Gold, and gave them to *Agrippina*, and then the purse seeming empty, he put in his hand several times; saying, *This can I do for many Years together, and yet can never empty this Purse during Life*; this was left by my Father, and given him by Dame Fortune, in a Wilderness, as he was travelling to see strange Countries. *Agrippina* having now understood what she most desired, she began to plot how she might get the purse into her possession; and therefore told *Andolucia*, That if he would promise faithfully to marry her, he should lie with her before-hand, for that the King and Queen lodged that Night in the Sommer-house at the upper-end of the Garden, and that by bribing her chief Woman, he might be admitted into her Chamber: This made him leap for Joy, promising to gain Admittance whatever it cost him; and so taking his Leave of her, with a thousand thanks for that she had vouchsafed to pity him, he departed: Then went *Agrippina* to the King and Queen, and declar'd all that had happened, and how she had gave him hopes of enjoying her that Night, with a design to deceive him of his Purse. The Queen commended her Wit, and ordered a Purse to be made like to that *Agrippina* had describ'd. When they had done, they prepared a sleepey Potion, ordering the Cup-bearer to put it into the Wine that *Andolucia* should drink; which being done to the Life, about eight in the Evening, *Andolucia* came and enquired for the Princess's Woman, as if he had a Letter to deliver; and when he had found her, he gave her a purse with a hundred Crowns in it, telling his purpose; of which made she something strange, tho' she knew it from the Princess; yet she shut him into the Princess's chamber, where he had not staid long, before *Agrippina* came and bid him welcome; then she sent the Matron for two Bottles of Wine, one for *Andolucia*, and

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another for herself: Telling him, *In Token of Love I bear you, I will drink off a full Bowl, and hope you will do the like.* Now the Woman had notice to put the Drugs into that he was to drink, which she did accordingly; after *Andolucia* had drank it off, he began to grow drowsie, so that in a while, *Agrippina* and her Woman talked him fast asleep; then she sending her Woman away, turned aside his Coat, and took off the Purse, in the room of which, she placed a counterfeit one; and then went to the King and Queen, who with much Impatience expected her coming. She was no sooner come, but they demanded how she sped, to which she answered, *I have sped as I wished; for here, says she, is the golden Purse;* and with that, putting her hand into it she pulled out several handfuls of Gold, at which the King and Queen greatly rejoiced: Then the King commanded her to give it into his keeping: but the Queen said, *Since she has ventured for it, it is but reason she should keep it.* Now whilst this Discourse held, *Andolucia* awoke, and starting up as one amaz'd, found that he had slept in the Chair all Night, which did not a little perplex him; when in the midst of his trouble, in came the old Woman, of whom he demanded where *Agrippina* was? She told him, That she having lain alone all Night, in expectation of his waking and coming to Bed to her, she was now risen, being very much grieved that he should so disappoint her. And farther, she told him, That although they jogged him, and used all their Endeavours, they could not wake him: then concluded *Andolucia*, it was done by the Enchantment of some that envied his happiness, and thereupon departed pensive to his house, as having lost so happy an Opportunity; and being out of all hopes of regaining such another; but little dreamt his purse was gone.

C H A P. V.

How the King sent to Andolocia to prepare a Dinner for him : and how, when he found his Purse was lost he left his House in great Heaviness, and departed for Cyprus ; where, when he arrived, he declared to his Brother Ampedo, all that had happened.

NOW the King being desirous to try how *Andolocia* would behave himself after the Loss of his Purse, sent his Steward to him to acquaint him, That by reason a Stranger was come to Court, he propos'd to bring him to his house, and therefore willed him to provide accordingly ; which *Andolocia* promised, as yet nothaving missed his Purse. After the Messenger was gone, he called his Steward, and bid him provide for the King's Entertainement, such things as he thought most fit ; to which he replyed, *My Money is spent in the late costly Banquets, and to furnish a new one I must have more Money.* With that *Andolocia* put his hand into his Purse as formerly, but, to his great Amazement, found nothing in it, then began he to turn it and look upon it, and found it was not the same : then he wax'd exceeding sorrowful, and much repented him of his Folly, that, contrary to his Father's Command, he had declared the secrets of his Purse ; as likewise how he had been deceiv'd by a fair Woman not long before, which might have been a Warning to him how he again trusted any of that treacherous Sex ; and in utter despair ever to gain it by fair Means, he called all his Servants about him, telling them, That he had heard of the Death of his Brother in *Cyprus*, and must instantly depart thither to take possession of his Land, and therefore willed them to take what Wages was due ; besides their horses, and the furniture of the house, he would freely bestow upon them, and then leave them to shift for themselves, for that it would be too great a Trouble to carry Servants over Sea. At this sudden News they

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they are all dismayed, telling him, That they would venture their Lives and Fortunes with him where-ever he went. But he told them it must not be, but that if ever returned to *England*, he would find them out, and entertain them as formerly; and so taking his Leave of them, he rode to the Sea, all alone, and there taking Ship departed for *Cyprus*. *Andolucia* landing in the Isle of *Cyprus*, hasted to *Famogosta*, and entring the Palace, where meeting his Brother, they kindly embraced, and asked of each others Welfare; for now *Ampedo* thought to have his turn of the Purse: But when he beheld his Brother pensive and sad, he much doubted the event, and thereupon began to ask him, What was become of his Men? *Nay*, says he, *as for them, I take no further Care, but am glad my self is return'd with Life.* Then *Ampedo* began to ask him about the Purse; to which he answer'd in a mournful Tone, *By disobeying my Father's Comand, I have lost it. How!* said *Ampedo*, *by Fraud or Force?* *Nay*, said he, *by Fraud; for falling in Love with a fair Lady, her Beauty so far bewitch-ed me, that at her Intreaty I told her the secret Vertue of it: insomuch, that when I was asleep, she got it from my Girdle, and placed a false one in the room of it. This it is, said Ampedo, to be disobedient: Had it not been better for you to have staid at home, without any hazard, than thus to lose the best Treasure the World can afford? Now if we come to Poverty, shall we be the Laughing-stock and Scorn of all that have formerly known our manner of living. Good Brother, said Andolucia, do not aggravate my Sorrow, for I grieve sufficiently, and repent me of my Folly: insomuch, that I fear it will cast me into some dangerous Sicknes of which I shall die. When Ampedo heard him say so, he began to leave off chiding, and strove to comfort him, saying, *Well, since it is lost, let it go: I have yet three thousand Duckets left, besides the Wishing-bat, for which I doubt not to get a great Sum of Money, when some puissant Prince shall know the vertue of it.**

CHAP.

C H A P. VI.

How Andolocla deceived his Brother, and got his Wishing-hat, with which he came into England, and carried away Agrippina and the Purse, into a desert place, and what there befel.



NOW when *Andolocla* had continued a while with his Brother, he one day told him, That if he would lend him his Wishing-hat, he did not yet doubt to recover the Purse. But *Ampedo* would by no means consent thereto, saying, *I shall be wiser than so; and the best way is to set down with the first loss; for, said he, I doubt not but to get a hundred thousand duckets for the hat, when our money is spent.* So that when *Andolocla* perceived he would not part with it, for an *English* Voyage, he let him alone a good while, and then taking his opportunity, when as his Men were gone a hunting, he desired him to let him have the hat only to get amongst them, that he might see the sport. To this *Ampedo* consented; but

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Andolocia had no sooner put it on, but he wished himself at *Venice*, and was instantly conveyed there through the air, where he inquired for several *Jews* who were wont to trade in rich Jewels, and desired that he might see their Jewels; the which they consented to, in hopes of a *Chapman*; but *Andolocia* had no sooner got them in his Hands, but he wished himself in *England*, and was suddenly carried thither, the *Jews* imagining him to be no other than the Devil, and blessed themselves that they did not take any of his Money. When he came into *England*, he disguised himself in an *Italian* Habit, and getting on a long Gown, went to the Court, and there pretended himself to be a Merchant; and insinuated into the Company of *Agrippina's* Gentlewomen, by giving them small Presents, that so they should perswade the Princess to buy all his Jewels, which were very rich; with which they soon acquainted her, wishing him to spread them abroad against she passed by, which he accordingly did; and she, casting her Eyes upon them, asked if he would sell any of them? *Yes, if it shall please your Highness, I came from a far Country for that purpose.* Then she chose out several of the best, and asked him the Price, who told her, she should have them for six thousand Crowns; whereupon she bid him three thousand Crowns; but he imagining that she would bring out the Purse, bargained with her for four thousand Crowns; and then, she ordering him to bring them into her Chamber, went to a Coffer, and taking thence the Purse, tyed it fast to her Girdle; which was what *Andolocia* looked for; who, whilst she was telling out the Money, clasped her fast by the Arm, and throwing her upon his Back, he wished himself in a solitary Desert, and immediately they were both carried out of sight, to the great Amazement of those that beheld it, and were not set down till they came into *Ireland*; then *Agrippina* being faint, *Andolocia* placed her under a Tree on which were many Apples, exceeding fair to appearance, when as she made her Request

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Request to *Andolucia*, That if he had any Pity of a poor distressed Virgin, he should get her something



to quench her Thirst, or she should faint; with that he taking Pity of her, as loving her still, although she had so misused him, he got up the Tree, and through carelessness, left the Hat upon her Head, and the Jewels in her Lap, who, whilst he was plucking the Apples, said, *Woe is me! how came I hither into this forlorn and desart Place? O! how unlike is this to my Father's Country, I would to God I were in my Father's Palace again.* The which, when *Andolucia* heard, he hasted down the Tree, to stay her Flight, but she was gone, past recovery, in a Moment with the Purse, Hat, and Jewels, which vexed *Andolucia* worse than before: Whereupon he began to curse the Destinies, and the Hour whereia he was born, saying, That now he was quite undone, and his Loss irreparable! When he had bewailed his Misfortune a good while, he being faint and dry, eat the Apples, upon which he felt a sudden Pain in his Head, which made him suppose they were infectious; but it continued not long, before

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fore a large Pair of Goat's Horns sprung up, at which he was sore affrighted, and would have fled from himself, had it been possible; and began more than before to exclaim against his hard Fate, saying, That such a Misfortune was befall him, as would exclude him from the Honour and Society of Men; then began he to curse the time when he first came into *England*, and wished that he had died in the Womb, or as soon as he ever beheld the Light; cursing and railing against the enchanting Beauty of *Agrippina*, which had brought him all this Disgrace and Misery; vowing, if possible, to be revenged; and was grown so desperate, that he resolved to sell his Soul to the Devil, rather than she should go unpunished. And in this mad Mood he he ranged the Forest, for two Days space, without meeting either Man or Beast; till at last he came to a Cave under a spreading Oak, wherein lived an aged Hermit, who not only calmed his desperate Resolves, but likewise cur'd him of his Horns, as shall in the next Chapter be shewn at large.

CHAP. VII.

How Andolocia, by the Advice of an Hermit, was eased of his Horns; and how he came into England, and grafted a Pair of Goats Horns upon the Head of Agrippina.

WHEN the Hermit perceived *Andolocia*, he came out of his Cell, and demanded what brought him into such a disconsolate and desert Place? and withal smiled when he beheld the Horns upon his Head, as well knowing what had caused them. To whom *Andolocia* replied, with a doleful Tone, *Truly, I was brought hither by the Air, and remain here full sore against my Will; but yet I must thank God I have found you here to be my Comfort, for I never intend to go to any Town, unless I can be rid of this Deformity, which proceeded from eating of Apples in this Wilderness.* At which the old Man laughed heartily, and the rather, to see what

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what piteous wry-faces *Andolocia* made; at which *Andolocia* being somewhat displeased, told him, You ought



rather to comfort me, than encrease my affliction. *Yes*, said the Hermit, I shall comfort you, and therefore come into my house, and in two Hours space I'll cause thee to shed thy Horns. At this *Andolocia* greatly rejoiced, and told the Hermit, That if he would do so, he would give him ten crowns, *Keep your money*, said the Hermit, and corrupt not me with it; for if I had delighted in riches, I had not come to this place, neither need I now live here. Then *Andolocia* asked the old Man for something to eat; who brought him some roots, nuts, field-apples, and a cruise of water, which was all the fare he lived on; then he desired that he would begin to cure him of his horns; at which the Hermit went out of his Cave, and returning again about half an hour after, brought six apples of a very fair colour with him, and wished *Andolocia* to eat two of them; the which he had no sooner done, but his horns dropped off, at which he was exceeding glad; and asked the Hermit, how these fruits came to be of such different

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ferent qualities? To which he answer'd, *The Wise Creator, and Sovereign Lord of all Things, has so disposed his Bounties, that seldom there is any thing hurtful, but there is likewise another thing to cure that hurt it causes. But, said he, in all the earth I believe there is not two Trees that retain the like qualities of these.* Now after they had held a long discourse about the business of the World, the Hermit bid *Andolucia* be mindful of the future state of his precious and immortal Soul, so guiding him to the next Town, he dismissed him with his blessing, and *Andolucia*, on the other hand, returned him a thousand Thanks. Then went *Andolucia* to the next Inn, and called for meat and drink, and afterwards departed thence towards the Sea-side studying all the way how he might be revenged on *Agrippina*; and having some of the hornifying-apples in his pocket, as likewise four of the contrary quality, which the Hermit had given him, he resolv'd to go for *London*, and, if possible, to graft a pair of horns upon the head of *Agrippina*, by which means he doubted not to recover his hat and purse; in order to which, he agreed with the Master of a Vessel to carry him into *England*; when coming to *London*, he disguised himself; and so went to the Court, and there, putting his apples into a box, he set them forth just as the Princess was coming by: And when any one asked him what fruit they were, he told them, that they were brought from *Jerusalem*, and that they grew in the holy garden; which made many enquire the price, but he held them so dear that none would buy; it not being his intent that any should experiment the secret; he had not long continued before *Agrippina* come by, and casting her eyes upon them, she not being accustomed to see such kind of fruit, demanded what they were; her Gentlewoman told her: whereupon she made towards *Andolucia*, and, taking one up in her hand, asked the price, which he told her was three crowns the least; For, says he, *I have not above twenty, and it*

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cost me twelve months travel to fetch them: Some, 'tis true, I dispos'd of in the Court of France, where they are highly approv'd for their vertue. Well, and what vertue, said the Princess, do they contain? Such, said Andolucia, that if you are old, they would restore both youth and beauty; they are not only pleasant to taste, but have such a miraculous secret, that they once being eaten, preserve kealib for seven years after. But how many? said Agrippina. Only two, said Andolucia. Upon this the Princess, who was often troubled with fits, bought two of them, but would give him no more than two crowns a-piece; and putting them in her handkerchief departed; which did not make Andolucia a little rejoice; so, staying about the Court, he perceived by the melancholy temper of her Waiting-gentlewoman, that the project had taken effect; for so it was, that when the Princess came into her chamber, she eat one of the apples, and finding it had a luscious taste, eat, in a while afterwards, another; then lying down to sleep, as was her usual custom, she found herself somewhat indisposed, but yet slept half an hour, during which space, she dream'd that a great he-goat came running at her, and butt'd her with his horns, whereupon she striving to flie, found herself turned into a goat also; at which, being much affrightned, she awoke, when, starting up, she felt a more then usual weight upon her head; and looking in the glass, she espied a great pair of horns fixed upon her head, whereat she shrieked out, so that her Gentlewoman came running in, and when they beheld her, they shrieked also; but the old Matron, who was her Tutor, being wiser than the rest, bid them keep silence; For, said she, if this be noised abroad, the greatest Beauty upon the earth will lose her credit amongst Men; by the best way will be to procure able Physicians as - them away. Then asked she of Agrippina, she deemed that they happened? To which Agrippina replied, I know not, unless it be so judgment shew'd upon me for my too great

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beauty, or the effects of the strange fruits I bought of the Merchants; but, however they came, I pray you seek some means by which I may be rid of them, whatever it cost me, before it comes to be blazed about in the World. Whereupon the old Woman went to all the noted Physicians, and acquainted 'em with what had happened to a fair young Gentlewoman, but told them not her name; then many of them desired to see her; but she told them, That might not be, unless unsight or unseen they would promise and oblige themselves in an obligation of two thousand crowns if they performed it not; but they looking upon it as a strange and unheard of matter, would not undertake it upon such conditions; so that the old Matron was returning home sad and heavy, when *Andolucia*, who had watched her, meeting her at the turning, being now in the habit of a Doctor, with false whiskers, and other disguises, drew near and saluted her, saying, *What makes you so sad, is not some of your Friends well? For so I guess, because I see you come out of a Doctor's house. Truly, said she, there is something more than ordinary that makes me thus. Then, said he, be not afraid to discover it, for, by my skill, and God's blessing, I have done miraculous cures, left off by others.* When she heard him say so, she rejoiced, and declared to him, in all points, what had happened, (which was to him no news) and desired him to stay till she went and acquainted the Gentlewoman with it, and she would return to him in a little time: The which he promised to do, so that when the Matron returned, she enjoyned him to secrecy, and to promise the payment of two thousand crowns if he did not perform the cure; and then she led him up, a back-way into *Agrippina's* chamber.

C H A P. VIII.

How Andolocia, by undertaking to cure Agrippina of her Horns first recovered his Wishing-hat, and afterwards his Purse, with what happened during the time.

NOW when *Andolocia* was brought into *Agrippina*'s presence, and beheld her horns, he inwardly rejoiced, tho' to appearance he seemed sorry; then said he, *Fair Lady, be not dejected, for I shall surely cure you of your horns. If you do, said Agrippina, I will bountifully reward you. Fear it not, said Andolocia; in the same case was an Earl's Daughter in Flanders, for making vows to her Lover, and never performing them, yet I cur'd her.* Then began *Agrippina* to sigh, as imagining her breach of faith with *Andolocia* might have brought upon her that disgrace; then she desired him to keep it secret, and so gave him a hundred crowns; upon which he went to the Apothecary's, and there, for fashion's sake, bought several drugs, with which he mixed some slices of the apples, whose quality it was to take away horns; which the Princess taking, and they working with her, she soon perceived them to diminish; at which she greatly rejoiced. But *Andolocia* was resolved not quite to rid her of them, till such time he found an opportunity to recover his former loss. A while after he caused an ape to be killed, and wrapped the skin about them, which she patiently endured, then she took more of the apple, which made them sink so far, that they were scarce a handful long; so he ordered her to go to sleep again: During which time, taking his opportunity, he search'd about to see if he could find the hat and purse, and had the good luck to find his hat where it was carelessly laid under the bed, *Agrippina* not knowing the secret vertue that remained in it: at which good hap *Andolocia* rejoiced, and took it as a happy presage that he should recover his purse likewise; *For now, said he, I will take another*

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airy-voyage with her and the purse, to see if I can be more circumspect than formerly. Whilst he was thus debating, he, unseen of the Princess, took up the hat



and put it under his coat; and thereupon began to relent of the intended cruelty he designed towards her; which was, That when her horns were almost gone, he would give her two hornifying-apples that should make them rise again larger than ever, and then to depart for *France*, and send her a letter who he was, and upon what occasion her horns were, and unless she would come and bring the purse, she should never be cured; whilst he was thus considering, *Agrippina* awaked, and feeling on her brows, found they were almost gone, at which she rejoiced; and desired him to perfect his cure as soon as possible; but he told her, *It was not so easily done, for the greatest part is yet remaining, which is, the taking the Root out*

of your Skulke, for which I must use many costly drugs; and when that is done, you shall appear more beautiful than ever. This made her rejoyce the more, and promise him any reward he would ask. For, said she, if this disgrace continue by me, I shall be ashamed to appear in publick. Well, said he, as for the taking them away, I do not in the least doubt, but the drugs will cost a great deal of money. No matter for that, spare not, said she, for what ever it cost, I care not. Nay, said he, but I have not money to purchase the third part of them; therefore your Highness must disburst five hundred crowns, for there must be many ingredients; as pearl, coral, rubies, amber greece, civet, opopanax, galbanum, frankincense, myrrh, and othr costly things. Upon which Agrippina, not knowing whom she had to deal witha, putting on her cloaths, went to a large cabinet, in which all her treasure lay, and after she had unlocked it, took out the so much-desired purse, and fastned it to her girdle, as she was wont upon the like occasion; which he noting, drew her towards the window, and there set open the casement, saying, I am dim-sighted, and cannot well see my money in a dark room. Whereupon as she began to tell out the money, he clapped on his hat, which, till then he had held under his coat; and clasping her fast, wished himself in a solitary desert; the which he no sooner had done, but they were hoisted up into the Air, and carried invinibly over many Cities and Towns, till they came to a desert in Scotland, where he set her down: and then, that she should be no longer ignorant by what means she had been thus conveyed away (for she thought certainly the Devil had carried her) he pulled off his disguise, and told her plainly who he was; upon which she was not able to speak for a good space. Now when she was carried away, her Women were in great perplexity, some weeping, and others tearing their hair, insomuch that their lamentations being heard, the King and Queen supposed the Princess was dead, for that they had notice she

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was sick some time before, whereupon they came into her lodgings, and demanded the cause of such extravagant sorrow; whereupon the old Woman, with much sobbing and sighing, told them, That the Princess was again carried away as before, by one that



pretended himself to be a Physician, and undertook to cure her of certain horns, which by a strange accident grew monstrously out at her head. At this, they were both grieved, but comforted themselves in hopes she would return as she had done before; but when several days were over, and she came not, they began to despair of her. Then said the King, *I wish I had never perswaded her to bereave Andolocia of his purse, for had he kept that, we had had our Daughter; for, past doubt he is a Necromancer, or deals with such as are, and by that means has these two times convey'd her away; and I am verily perswaded, that the Merchant and the Physician were no other than he in disguise; but I well trust, that he is so courteous, that he will do our Daughter no harm; but when he hath obliged her to return the purse, he'll send her again; for it is certain,*
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hat the purse cannot be quietly enjoyed by any one but the
 true Owner : therefore, were Agrippina here, I should
 not care she should be any longer troubled with it, but if I
 could get it, I'd send it to Andolucia, and excuse her
 taking it from him. After this, the Queen urged him
 to send forth Messengers, not only in his own Domi-
 nions, but likewise into other Kingdoms, which he
 commanded speedily to be done : and so departed
 sorrowfully to his chamber, where I'll leave him, and
 return into Scotland to Andolucia and Agrippina :
 When she was come to herself, and able to speak,
 she fell upon her knees, beseeching him to have mercy
 upon her : For, said she, I must confess I have greatly
 wronged and abused you, for which I am heartily sorry ;
 And it is true, it lies now in your power to revenge
 yourself ; but such an action will be a stain to all your
 great and glorious achievements in arms, if once it
 should come to light, as most likely it will : For, con-
 sider'd the Princess, murder is but rarely concealed long,
 the guilty Conscience of the Murder, through Divines
 Providence, constraining him to discover himself, to his
 own shame, and destruction both of Soul and Body. But
 this did not abate his Anger, who fiercely replied,
 Well may you blush with shame and confusion of face,
 since you have so treacherously dealt with one, who loved
 you beyond all earthly things, discovering to you that
 secret, which all the racks and tortures in the World could
 never have extorted from me : Tremble therefore at your
 deceit, for see revenge is written on my brow ; and
 thereupon he laid his hand on his Sword, which she
 perceiving, and expecting nothing less than death,
 she, through fear and grief, fell into a swoond, which
 moved him to pity, so that he gently raised her up
 from the ground, and she recovering, began to in-
 treat him to compassion. Pity you ? said Andolucia,
 what pity can there remain in my breast for one who so
 treacherously and ungratefully hath abused me for all the
 hazards that I underwent for your sake ? But know,
 tho' I, in compassion of your Sex, and for the former

love I bore you, spare your life, you shall always wear the infamy on your fore-head, as an everlasting mark of your infidelity. Then said Agrippina, I desire you to place me in some Nunnery, to keep me from the knowledge and sight of all People. To which request of her Andolucia willingly consented.

CHAP. IX.

How Andolucia put Agrippina in a Nunnery, and departed with his Hat and Purse, to the City of Famagosta, to his Brother Ampedo; and how, at the Request of the King of Cyprus, he freed Agrippina out of the Nunnery, and took away her Horns.



Andolucia having found a Nunnery, knocked at the door, and desired to speak with the Matron, who, after some time, came and demanded his business; and he told her, That he would gladly speak with her in private, whereupon she took him by the hand, and led him into the lodge, where he told her, That a strange accident had happened to a Lady of great birth and beauty, which was, that she had

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had two horns growing out of her head; upon that the Matron wonder'd, and was desirous to see her: Whereupon he fetch'd *Agrippina*, who was not far thence; when he brought her, the Abbess wondered more, but did not seem to take any notice, for fear of displeasing her, but went and embraced, her bidding her heartily welcome, perceiving she had been well educated: Then did she demand of *Andolucia* two hundred crowns, which was the custom of the Nunnery, when any Lady first entered; and afterwards they had Servants to wait upon them. Upon this he g. v: her three hundred crowns, saying, *There's a hundred more than you ask; therefore let her be carefully look'd too*; which the Matron promised. Now *Andolucia* being rid of *Agrippina*, he departed joyfully with his purse and hat; and, being out of sight, wished himself in *Flanders*, whither he was conveyed in a trice; and there solacing himself in pleasure, he fell in love with the Earl's Daughter, to whom he imparted the the secret of his hat, which she intended to steal by night: But he having notice of it from one of her Virgins, to whom she had revealed it, by reason of his liberality to her, took the opportunity to prevent her, by wishing himself in *Cyprus*; where he no sooner arriv'd, but he hired Servants, bought horses, and then rode to *Famogosta*; which when he approached, his Brother *Ampedo* espying him from the battlements of his Palace, he did not a little rejoyce; and withal, called to his Servants to make ready his horses, and so rode to meet him; when they came near each other, both of them alighted and embraced, neither for a while, being able to speak for joy; after which, *Ampedo* asked *Andolucia* how he sped; who, with a chearful countenance replyed, *I have recover'd my purse again*; which did not a little glad *Ampedo*. After having much discourse relating to his travels, they came to the Palace where *Ampedo* ordered a feast to be prepared, to welcome his Brother;

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her; to which they invited several of their Friends, to rejoyce with them, and continued in great merriment for two days; at the end of which *Andolocia* offered his Brother the purse, but he refused it, saying, *I have enough; and it causeth great perplexity to him that hath it;* and therefore he willed *Andolocia* still to retain it, which did not at all displease him; for altho' he offered it his Brother, yet he was in hopes that he would not accept of it. When he had revelled in the Palace for a while, he took leave of his Brother, and went to the King's Court, where he no sooner arrived, but the King had notice thereof, and sent one of his Chamberlains to bring him to his presence; where when he was come, he made a low obaisance, after which the King welcomed him, asking of his travels, of which he gave an account, relating to the customs and fashions of the Countries through which he passed: Then the King demanded of him, whether he had been in the *English* Court: to which he replied, *I have.* And have you, said the King, seen the Princess *Agrippina*? *I have,* said *Andolocia.* But do you know whether she be found or no, since the news came that she was carried away by Necromancy? For I have a great mind to lay down the pondrous weight of Government, if I could match my Son to that Princess. Truly, said *Andolocia,* I must confess I know where she is; and if your Majesty will send an Ambassador with the Prince's Picture, I will so order it, that she shall be at her Father's Court before the Ambassador arrives. At this the King rejoyced, and highly honoured him, promising all things should be done according to his directions; and desired him to make good his word without delay. Upon which he took his leave; and, being a mile from the Palace, put on his Wishing-har, and was immediately at the Nunnery, where, knocking at the gate, he desired to speak with the Matron, who no sooner came to him, but he shewed her who he was; whereupon *Agrippina* was called, and knowing him, could not refrain weeping; whereupon,

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upon, taking her by the hand he led her into a private chamber, and told her, That he had ranged the World about, to find medicines to cure her; demanding, If she were cured, where she would wish herself to be? *Why*, said she, *wish my Father, to enjoy my freedom in his Palace.* Then said he, *Be it according to thy Wish*; and thereupon he gave her two apples, which he had reserved, the which she no sooner eat, but shed her horns: then he called the Matron, and told her, That *Agrippina* was a King's Daughter, and that ere long she should be married to a beautiful young Prince; and that he having cured her of her horns, did now intend to take her with him. The Abbess perceiving the wonderful change, greatly rejoiced, and praised God that had wrought such a miraculous Alteration: Then giving the Abbess two hundred crowns more, and to *Agrippina's* Waiting-maid a hundred, he departed with her; and when he was come into a Forest, he put on his *Wishing-hat*, and taking her in his Arms, wished himself in *London*, where he immediately arrived, and there, setting down the Princess, without a word speaking, wished himself at *Famogosta*, and was there in a trice. Now *Agrippina* perceiving she was in *London*, enquir'd the way to the Court, where she soon arrived, by the directions of the Citizens.

C H A P. XI.

How Ampedo going in search of Adventures to get him Fame, rescued Almira, a beautiful Lady from two Satyrs that had carried her into a Wood, and were about to ravish her; how he was highly feasted and rewarded by her Father, and how she fell desperately in Love with him.

DURING these transactions of *Andolucia*, *Ampedo* desirous to try some adventures to get him fame, being bravely mounted, and richly attired, rode so far that he came to a huge dark grove, so

shaded with lofty trees, that the sun-beams cou'd not pene:rate it, to dispel the gloomy shades; here finding his way stopped, because there was no beaten road ley through it, he alighted and tyed his horse to a tree, repos'd his weary body on the verdant grass, refreshing himself at a purling stream that issued from a rock hard by, and the evening coming on, he thought here to stay till the Sun's bright chariot had regained the Eastern skies to make the dewy earth smile with its morning-rays, in hopes that some Passengers, better knowing of the Country than himself, might come by, to direct him in his way to the next City: But scarce had he closed his eyes e're he was awaked by the loud neighing of his horse, who



was broke lose, at a frightful shape, of which *Ampedo* had a glimpse, which made him start up and follow his horse, who was got into the Wood, and so far he enter'd, that he heard a pious cry, as of a Woman greatly bewailing herself; towards which he made, and under a thick tuff of trees, beheld two
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Sayters or wild Men, very dreadful to behold, dragging a beauteous Lady, weeping, into a huge dark Cave.

This sight so moved *Ampeda's* heart, that he resolv'd to rescue so-much injur'd Beauty from those Monsters, though at the hazard of his life; and thereupon drawing his sword, he flew upon them with great courage; and ere they could recover their mighty clubs, deeply wounded one of them, so that he roared out like a lion, and then both of them came at him with great fury, giving him mighty strokes, till at length he run one of them quite through, so that falling dead at his feet, the other being likewise grievously wounded, fled amongst the thickets with such speed that *Ampeda* pursued him in vain; and fearing further danger in that vast forest by wild beasts, or other ways might befall the Lady, he returned to her, and found her (by the fright) fall into a swoon, whereupon he took her in his arms, and carried her out of the forest, when, easily setting her down by a stream side, he sprinkled water in her face, chafed her temples, and used such other means that she began to open her heavenly eyes, and seeing herself safe in the arms of her Deliverer, was over-joyed, giving him infinite thanks for saving her honour from the brutal lust of those incarnate Devils, who, she said, had took her as she was walking in her Father's park, and hurried her to this dismal place, to use her as they had done many Virgins and Matrons in a vile and bestial manner; intreating him to conduct her to her Father's house, who would highly welcome him for so great a service.

To this he no sooner consented, but his horse came neighing out of the wood, on which he set the Lady, and by her guidance arrived in a few hours at the stately palace of *Languis*, Lord of that part of the Country, who was her Father; her safe arrival turning the sorrow of the Family for her absence in-

to joy: And when the good old Lord understood from his Daughter, out of what great danger *Ampedo* had rescued her, he, with tears of joy, welcomed and embraced him, making great feasting;



and caused his Steward to bring him a purse of gold, as a reward of his virtuous service.

During these entertainments, *Almira*, (for so was the Lady's name) fixing her eyes on the manly beauty and comely personage of *Ampedo*, desperately fell in love with him, shewing such signs and tokens of her silent affection, as she well hoped he would perceive them: but his mind being otherways bent, he regarded not what thousands would have rejoiced to have been happy in; and though she used all means to delay him, yet intent upon his travels, after a kind leave taken, he departed, to her great sorrow of heart.

C H A P. XII.

How Ampedo travelling in a desolate Valley, was betray'd into a Castle by a Drum, of the Danger he was in; and how Almira appeared to him, but her Courtship was refused; of a terrible Combat he had, and how he slew the Giant, and escaped.



Ampedo, as you have heard, leaving the fair Almira over-whelmed with grief at his departure, rode cross the Country so far, that he entered a valley incompass'd with steep rocks, crown'd with woods, which had so many lonesome windings, that he found himself intangled in it; and heard the horrible roaring of wild beasts that haunted those rocks and lonesome woods, which somewhat startled him, thinking now if he had the wishing hat it would stand him in stead: but whilst he was in these cogitations, and alighted to sit down and expect some Traveller to guide him, and that his horse might feed, he heard the noise of a

drum, when looking about, he perceiv'd a beautiful Youth beating on it, and several Wood Men, with clubs, dancing and capering after him; and no sooner came he where *Ampedo* sat, but he found himself by a strange impulse, obliged to arise from his seat, and do the like, till he came to a castle, standing on a steep rock, into which the Drummer enter'd, and he, with the rest, followed in; when immediately the gates were closed on them, and they led into a huge arched vault, where many lamps were burning before certain tombs; and no sooner were they here inclosed, but the drum ceased, and the Drummer vanish'd from their sight; so that now having time to consider, they gazed long upon each other, without being able to speak for a time; till at last *Ampedo* breaking silence, demanded of the rest, if they could inform him were they were, or what the intent of their being thus shut up meant? But they pleaded ignorance, saying, As they were setting tiles to take wild beasts, they heard the sound as he had done, and were compelled to follow it.

Scarcely had they time to view their subterranean mansion, but the doors, before closed, flew open, and a horrible cry was heard; which much amazed *Ampedo*, as looking that some mischief would now befall him, when immediately rushed in a dragon and a lion fighting, with terrible roaring and howling, till the lion overcoming the dragon, he run into a low deep cave, and there conceal'd himself: and the lion, proud of the victory, marched out the same way he came: which, though it much astonished them, fearing yet to fall into greater danger, they attempted to rush out, and make their escapes, if possible; but were met by a mighty Giant, who seiz'd and bound 'em, causing his Servants to convey 'em to several Apartments, when *Ampedo*, being put into a room that was darkned, found a strong disposition in himself to sleep, and lying down upon a couch he found there, was soon awaked by melodious musick

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musick, and saw the room enlighten'd, and a fair Lady sitting by him, on whom fixing his eyes, he knew to be *Almira*, she whom he had rescued in the Wood, who had procured an Inchanter to bring him to this place and stay him till her arrival.

This sight strangely amazed *Ampedo*, who suppos'd she had by the same chance been brought a Prisoner thither, as himself had been, began to pity her: but, when laying aside her former modesty, and beginning to pour out her love-expressions, he knew it had happened by her means, using many persuasions to intreat her to be otherwise satisfied, for he was resolved not to marry, but when she used many arguments, and finding all persuasions in vain, for anger that she had discovered her love, to be refused, she resolved upon revenge; which *Ampedo* well perceiving, took an opportunity, by sliding down a rope thro' a window, to get out of the castle; but being in his flight pursued by the Giant, a terrible combat began between them, in which, both were sorely wounded; but in the end the Giant sustaining the loss of Blood, fell down, being intercepted as he stagger'd back, by a huge stone, of which *Ampedo* taking the advantage, stood upon, and with his sword struck off his monstrous head. This being seen by *Almira*, she disguis'd herself in the habit of a Page, and fled the back-way: Then *Ampedo* returning, enter'd and set the Prisoners at liberty, giving them the spoils of the castle, he departed, and in his way met his Brother *Andolocio*, who was in search of him, telling him all that had happened.

CHAP.

C H A P. XIII.

How Andolocia and Ampedo travelling thro' a desolate Valley, were met by Almira, in the Disguise of a Page with Ampedo's Horse : how, by the counterfeit Wailings of an old Man, Ampedo was drawn into an Ambush, and carried forcibly away, and what befel him at his Journey's end.



A *ndolocia* rejoycing he had found his Brother, and that he had escaped such danger, told him all that had past between him and *Agrippina*, since he last left him, bidding him ever beware of Womens love, that so often turns into hatred and revenge, for then it is most deadly. And passing on, one habited like a Page met them with *Ampedo's* horse he left in the valley when he was compell'd to the castle, and presented it to him, saying, Noble Sir, here is your Steed again, which I see you leave, when you left this place ; which, for fear it should stray, or be taken away by Robbers, I have kept till this time,

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in hopes of your return ; Ampedo kindly thanked the Youth, and desired to know what he should give him, as a reward of his Courtesie : To which he replied, Noble Sir, I desire no Reward, but am sufficiently requited, in having done you Service : All that I further require, is, that I may be permitted to guide you safe out of this dangerous and unfrequented Place. The two Brethren admiring the Court sie of the Youth, who appeared very beautiful, accepted the Proffer, with many kind Expressions, and Returns of Thanks ; and so running before, he led them through many By-windings and Passages, till they heard one amongst the Thickets complaining, and making piteous moan, as in great Distress ; which caused Ampedo to rush into the Forrest, to learn what it might mean, whilst Andolocia stood on his Guard.

Ampedo entring about a hundred paces, found an aged Man sitting on the Ground, weeping abundantly, of whom he demanded the cause of his great Sorrow ; O Sir, said he, I am the most miserable of all Creatures, for having but one only Daughter, the Staff of my Life, and the Comfort of my aged years, as I travelled unadvisedly, this way, with her to see an Uncle she has that lives in a Castle not far from hence, she was taken from me by a certain number of Out-laws, who have carried her away to use violence to her Chastity, as I suppose, and left me sorely wounded in striving to defend her. Ampedo being hereat moved with Compassion, comforted him in the best manner, alighting to succour him, who seemed to faint away ; but he no sooner stooped down to raise him from the Ground, but the old Man leaped up, caught him fast about the Neck, and sent forth a loud Cry.

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This was no sooner done, but nine or ten Men rushed in upon him, threw him to the Ground, and bound his hands with Cords, clapping Daggers to his Breast, and swearing to kill him if he struggled, and did not haste along with them. *Ampedo* seeing himself unlookily surpriz'd, and in danger of Death, found himself constrained by Necessity to comply, and so they carried him a tedious way through the Thickets to the other side of the Forrest, where their horses stood ready, and there mounting him, carried him by swift riding over Rocks and Hills to another great Forrest, where they continued till it was dark, and



having refreshed themselves, set forward again to a large house, and ere Day-light, put him into Chaires in a strong Prison.

Andolocia having heard the noise and bustle, and immediately missing the Page, concluded there was Treachery towards his Brother; whereupon he spurred forth his Horse to assist him; but during the Scuffle,

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Scuffle, he was stop't in a narrow passage by a Man of a huge stature, who rushed out with a Lion in a Chain, who roared horribly, and flying on *Andolucia's* horse, so terrify'd him, that he stounc'd back, and in spight of his Rider, ran away with him, that e'er he could stop him, he was out of the desolate Valley; but having recovered himself, and turned again, he went in search of his Brother, vowing never to give o'er till he found him: In which, for a time, I must leave him, and return to *Ampedo* in Prison.

C H A P. XV.

How Ampedo was imprison'd by the Contrivance of Almira; how she treated him with Threats and Promises to yield to her Love; how her Steward lay with her in his stead, and was bang'd upon her declaring he forcibly ravish'd her: and how Ampedo's Life was saved by Andolucia his Brother.



Ampedo being again in strong Durance his Mind so strangely run on the Page that had met him

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in the Valley, that calling to mind his particular Features, he could not imagine it was any other than *Almira* in Disguise, who had put this Trick upon him, that she might still persecute him for his Love, which made him conceive the greater Dislike of one, from whom he had deserv'd better usage; and in this he was not mistaken, greatly complaining of Dame *Fortune*, that she had, contrary to her wonted Favours, thus abandoned him to Misery, and the danger of losing his Life; imputing it to his Negligence, in undertaking happily his Travels, and forgetting to bring his Wishing-hat with him, which might have stood him in much stead at a time of Necessity.

Whilst he was musing in these Cogitations, he heard a Key turn in the Door of his Prison, and upon this, starting up, he perceiv'd, by a glimmering Light, two Persons coming towards him in Disguise, which somewhat affrighted him, suspecting they were sent to murder him; but soon recalling his Courage, and putting a good Face on, to expect the worst that might happen; one of them, without saying one Word, took off his Chains, and then both taking him by the Hand, led him through a great many dark Windings, to a Room furnished with Tapers, that burnt blew, as if Ghosts had haunted it, casting but a faint glimmering Light, where he found a Banquet prepared, and several Persons disguis'd, as the former; and one of them whom he concluded to be a Woman by her Voice, bid him sit down and refresh himself, after his tedious Travel and Dearthment: This gave him a Dawn of better Hopes than he had before, and Hunger persuading him, he took the Offer, and refreshed his empty Stomach Plentifully: And though he asked some Questions, as, Where he was? What was design'd to be done to him? They only nodded, and answered with Silence; which made him the more wonder where this might end: But having all taken a plentiful Repast, upon a Signal given, they retired, unless those that brought him this,

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ther, who, upon their discovering themselves, he found to be *Almira* and the old Man he had seen in the Forrest; and the first breaking silence, said, You see in what a Condition you are: and if you remain obstinate, assure yourself, your Life is but of a short Date: nothing, but granting your Love, can save it: For one way or other I will put an end to the tormenting Pain that afflicts me; and in vain it will be for you to hope to escape my hands.

Ampedo hearing this, and plainly finding who had brought him into this straight, paused a while, and then humbly besought her, he might have some time to deliberate and consider, how he might dispence with his Vow of Chastity to pleasure her: She, upon this, thinking he would yield to her Desires, allowed him two Days, and so left him, and sent her Steward to him at Night, with Provisions, and a rich Carpet to lye on: This Man, who had a great desire for the Lady, by some Whisperings he had heard, suspecting something more than ordinary, was there-upon very inquisitive to know of *Ampedo* how he came thither, and for what he was confin'd: promising also to be a Friend to him, if he told him the Truth: Which, with some difficulty, he did, in hopes he might further his Escape: And after some further Discourse, it was contriv'd between 'em, that *Ampedo* should promise *Almira* to enjoy her privately the next Evening, for the greater Secrecy, and he would take his place in her Bed, and doubted not so well to please her; as to wean her Affections from him, and gain her Good-liking to marry her, and so soon work his Delivery: *Ampedo*, who was always virtuous, could hardly be brought to consent to this: but the danger he was in, and the Hopes of Liberty prevail'd: and the next Evening *Almira* having notice, that *Ampedo* yielded to her Request, the Steward who had chang'd Habits with him, and stay'd in the Prison, was in the dark brought to her Bed, and enjoyed her delicate soft Body in his willing Arms, so long, that he

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he forgot to rise so early as was agreed: When she, first awaking, in Expectation of a further kind Embrace from her dear *Ampedo*, and looking wishfully in the Face of the Steward, her Rage was so great, that had she had a Weapon ready, he had never awoke more: when, clothing herself, she was going for a Weapon of Execution, as he waked with the Stir she made: who seeing her Eyes all flaming, and how much she was offended, leaped out of the Bed, and on his Knees begg'd her Pardon, but all in vain, for making an Out-cry, and her Father, with many Servants, coming in, she declared he had come into her Chamber, and ravished her: the Posture he was in, made her Father believe there was Truth in it: and he thinking to extenuate his Crime, by accusing innocent *Ampedo* in setting him on work, and telling all that he had told him of her Love, and desire to lye with him: This so much incensed the angry Lady, that her Love to *Ampedo*, who had betrayed her Secrets, turning into an unsatiable Thirst of Revenge, she never left, till her Father had doom'd 'em to dye for the repairing her blasted Honour: and that it might be done the privater, and make the less Noise, they were convey'd easily in the Morning to the next Wood, there to be hang'd distant from each other: but so *Fortune* order'd it, that the false Steward, who had devis'd and wrought this Mischief, being first executed, *Ampedo's* time was delayed, till *Andolucia*, who had travelled far in Search of him, came by, and seeing his Brother in the Hands of the Hangman, without examining the Cause, drew out his Sword, and fell upon them with such Violence, that he wounded several of them, and soon made them all scatter and fly for their Lives: then taking *Ampedo* down from the Gibbet, where he was half strangled: with rubbing and chafing, and some Cordials he had about him, recovered his Senses, and mounting him behind him, rode away with all speed. *Almira* hearing of the Rescue of *Ampedo*, and fearing he might

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might deery her Wickedness to the World, she so vexed and tormented herself, that she grew distracted, and dyed raving mad.

CHAP. XV.

How the Princess Agrippina came again to the King and Queen: How an Ambassador came from Cyprus and demanded her in Marriage to the Prince of Cyprus; and what Sports and Pastimes was ordained to grace the Wedding; and how Andolocia won the Praise, which caused the Nobility to envy him.



Agrippina no sooner arrived at the Palace, but she was met by some of the Ladies that formerly waited upon her, who could not speak for Joy, but immediately run to the King and Queen to inform them what they had seen; upon which the King ordered a Hundred pieces of Gold to be given to the first Bringer of the News: and immediately went to meet Agrippina, greatly rejoicing that he had recovered her: upon which Occasion he proclaimed a great

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great Feast throughout all the Kingdom, which was kept with great rejoycing: In the midst of which, an Ambassador came from *Cyprus*, of which the King having Notice, caused him to be nobly entertained, and the next Day was introduced to his Audience, he being attended with many Nobles of *Cyprus*: When he came into the King's presence, he declared his Ambassy, and delivered his Master's Letters, shewing, likewise, the young Prince's Picture, which greatly pleased the King and Queen; then was the Picture ordered to be carried to *Agrippina*, as likewise the Relation of what had passed: the which, when she beheld, she at first, with feigned Modesty, disapproved of: but taking to mind what *Andolucia* had said, she consented: Then were the King's ships made ready, and a great Number of Noble Ladies appointed to wait upon her in her Voyage to *Cyprus*: When taking leave of the King and Queen, her Father and Mother, she departed, tho' not without some Tears on all sides: so having a prosperous Gale, within two Months they landed in that Island: whereof Notice being had, the King, his Queen, and all the Nobles of that Kingdom, came to welcome her on Shore with all manner of Musick, and whatever could be invented to entertain one of such Noble Birth: all the People rejoycing that they had so fair a Princess to be hereafter their Queen. Then did they conduct her to the City of *Medusa*, where the King's Palace was, against whose coming a stately Banquet was prepared; and the more to delight the Company, a Conjuror caused a Tree to grow on the Table, and a hunting to pass along for their Divertisement. Likewise *Andolucia* attended, but would by no Means take any Notice of *Agrippina*, for so it was secretly agreed between them: but he spent so royally, that the Nobility envied him by reason he eclipsed their Honours, in doing so far beyond their Abilities, in giving the Prince and Princess a Present of Jewels worth

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worth tenthousand Crowns; as likewise sending in such Store of choice Viands and Wine, that the King greatly marvelled, During the Feast, the King ordained several Sports, as Tilts, Tur-



naments, and fighting at Barriers: wherein *Andro-
Jocia* so far prevailed, that he won the Praise of all
the Ladies and Gentlewomen, and was, by the Prin-
cess *Agrippina*, often crowaed with Garlands; which
railed the Envy of many great Ones against him,
inso much, that two Earls, viz. the Earl of *Limose*,
and the Earl of *Armandalia*, secretly conspir'd his
Death, because he had obtained the Wreath several
times, by putting them to the Foil; so that they lay-
ing wait for him in a large Wood, thro' which he was
to pass, (for at that time, he had not brought the
Wishing-hat) resolved to kill all his Men, and putting
him upon the rack, obliged him to confels from whence
he had such store of treasure: Whereupon, the day be-
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fore the feast ended, they took their leave of the King as if they intended to go a hunting; and, having got about two hundred armed Men, they placed themselves behind certain trees in the Wood, near to the way he was to pass, and furiously setting upon him, at un-awares, they killed all his Men, which were but six in number, and took him Prisoner, though not without loss on their side, for *Andolocia*, drawing his sword, so taunt about him, that he killed ten of their Men, and wounded the Earl of *Limore*.

C H A P. XVI.

How Andolocia was Imprisoned and Racked; how Ampedo buried his Wishing-bar; how the Murder of Andolocia was discovered by the two Earls falling out; likewise their Execution on the Wheel.

WHEN the two Earls had taken *Andolocia* Prisoner, they carried him to a Castle of theirs, not far from thence, where they put him into a dark prison, and rode again to Court, carrying with them four fat bucks, which they pretended to have taken by hunting. Soon after their arrival, news was brought of the death of *Andolocia's* Men, and how that he was thought to be taken Prisoner, by reason his body was not found amongst them: Upon which, the King was exceeding angry, and immediately sent out Messengers into all parts of the Kingdom, to hear of him. So likewise *Ampedo* offered two thousand duckets to any one that could discover where he was. But when no tydings could be had where he was, he supposed him dead, or in some dismal prison, for the sake of his purse; and thereupon, lest he should come to some ill end, by reason of his bar, he cast it into the fire, and there let it consume to ashes; and for grief, within a short time after died. Now when the Earls had been at the Court some time, the Earl of *Limore* went to see what was become of *Andolocia*, and at his arrival, found him in the prison where he left

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left him, and there began to examine him where he had so much money to spend at the rate he did? He told him, That if he would let him go to the Palace at *Famogosta*, he would shew him by what means he obtained his riches; but he would not consent to it, but caused him grievously to be racked; insomuch, that he was obliged to discover the secret of his purse, and to deliver it to the Earl, in hopes by that means, to be set free; but he, having proved it, left him in prison, and rode to his Companion, and shewed him all that had happened; whereupon they, after some contest, agreed to keep it monthly by turns; then the Earl of *Armandalia* said, *I hear that Andolocia is a Necromancer, and can rise in the air, therefore we cannot be safe till he is dispatched out of the way.* To which they both agreed, and the Earl of *Armandalia* rode to the Prison and offered the Keeper two hundred crowns to strangle *Andolocia*; but he refused it, saying, *He's a just and honest Man.* Whereupon the Earl went in himself, and after having asked, whether he had any more purses of the same sort, and he affirming he had none, the Earl, with his girdle, strangled him, as he set fast bound in a pair of stocks; and so returned unto the Earl of *Limose* to acquaint him with what he had done. Now *Andolocia* and *Ampedo* being both dead, the purse lost all its vertue, and would yield no more money than any other purse; so that it falling to the Earl of *Armandalia*'s turn, he taxed the Earl of *Limose* as a Cheat, saying, *You have changed it;* so that there happened a dispute between them; whereupon they drew their Swords and wounded each other; when, People coming into part 'em, the Earl of *Limose* said, *Ab Villain! thou wouldst have murdered me, as thou didst Andolocia for his purse.*

Which words being told to the King, and he greatly suspecting them to be the Murtherers, thereupon commanded they should be apprehended and racked;

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racked ; during which, they freely confessed all that had passed, and were condemned to be broken upon the Wheel, their Chattels and Goods to be spoiled ;



and so many as were consenting, or privy to the Murder, to be hanged ; which Sentence was accordingly put in execution. After which, by reason *Amel* and *Amelo* had left none to possess their Palace at *Fallogassa*, the King took Possession thereof, and found in it infinite Wealth, placing the Prince and Princess therein, who lived there in great Splendor, till the King's Death, and then took upon themselves the Rule of the whole Kingdom.

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